

January 3, 1917.

Rev. Horace E. Hillery,

Cherokee-Weir, Kansas.

My dear Horace,

I received your Christmas card and calendar which is very neat indeed. Thank you.

I am mailing you today a copy of my new book, "The Klondike Clan." It will no doubt have an added interest to you because of your long residence at Skagway and your acquaintance with the conditions of that early stampede. After you have read it, I wish you would write me a letter stating your opinion of the book with special regard to the question whether it correctly depicts the conditions of the great stampede. I want your mother also to read the book.

I had a very fine time with your classmate and chum Mowry at Rimersburg, and Sligo, Pa. He showed me the recent letters that he had received from you. He is doing a very good work, I think, in Clarion Presbytery.

Lassie and her children and I are living in South Orange New Jersey - half an hours ride from New York. Our address is 405 Meeker St. South Orange, N.J. Please let me hear from you soon, and tell me of your mother. Also of that poor nephew of yours. Is he still living, and if so, is there any hope of his recovery? Give my regards to your wife, and write soon to,

Yours affectionately,

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PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
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JUNEAU, ALASKA

January 4, 1917

Washburn
Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

You will remember that two years ago I went to Bristol Bay, by direction of the Board, to investigate the advisability of establishing a mission there, for the Esquimaux and other natives there, including a considerable number of half-breed children.

My report was adverse to the establishment of a mission, at that time, owing to the cost of instituting and maintaining such a plant as was under consideration, involving the building and maintaining of a hospital in addition to the establishment of a home where children might be received and with especial reference to the children of white fathers whose mothers are natives. My report was rendered under date August 20, 1914.

I have now to report that the Bureau of Education is about to establish a hospital at Kanakanak or in that vicinity. Kanakanak is near to the town of Nushagak and is only a few miles distant from the old Carmel Mission of the Moravian church, abandoned a number of years ago. The priest of the Russian Greek church, who had this whole Bristol Bay region under his care, died this past summer and to this date no priest has been sent to take his place. As I reported before there are some 1700 natives in the country included in the section included in the report which I made. At the present time there is no religious work of any kind being done for these people, either by Catholic or Protestant. The destitution, physical as well as spiritual, is deplorable.

I have the following communication from the Superintendent

of Native schools of the Bureau of Education, Prof. W.T.Lopp, Seattle, Washington:

"I have had many hours talk with Dr. French (physician in charge of medical work in Bristol Bay) regarding Bristol Bay. We would both welcome a Presbyterian mission in that region and feel that one is needed, but as I told you on another occasion, the success of the same will depend largely upon the personality of the man and woman who are sent to establish it. These people, as you know, are strongly attached to their old church, but if you are fortunate enough to find the right man I believe that a splendid and successful work can be accomplished by your church in the Bristol Bay region.

If we are fortunate enough to secure an increase in our medical appropriation this year we hope to enlarge our present schoolhouse hospital at Kanak-anak, or build a new one there in that vicinity. I regret that we shall not be able to make definite plans before possibly the fourth of March. Dr. French will be East during the winter and will probably be called to Washington for a conference the latter part of February. If your Board of Home Missions decides to enter that field, you can count on the workers of our Bureau giving you all encouragement and assistance possible."

I write to ask whether, at this time, the Board cares to consider the establishment of a mission at this point.

It will be observed that the character of the enterprise is changed owing to the fact that the government is undertaking the hospital work. This would leave the Board free to devote its energies to the mission work alone. It would probably be the best plan to establish a boarding school as the beginning of the work with arrangements for the especial care of the half-breed children, as before suggested. There would thus be given a centre for operations in the entire region and a large field for itineration such as alone will meet the demands of the situation. If this plan were followed out it would be necessary to provide in addition to a minister and his wife teachers, etc, to follow out in a small way the plan of our Sitka school.

If our Board does not feel justified in undertaking such a work in Bristol Bay I will feel it my duty to take up the matter with the Baptist Home Mission Society, first, as a possibility in connection with their operations at Wood Island, although of course it would be so far from the mission there as to be entirely distinct from that work. It is however in the same general neighborhood and would be of like character with the Kodiak work and so would be along the line of an enlargement of the work which they are already doing. As the Kodiak mission is the only one sustained by the Baptists in Alaska it may be

that the enterprise would appeal to that denomination. Also, it would seem that the denomination might be favorable to assuming a larger responsibility in Alaska with reference to mission work among the unevangelized portions.

Should the Baptist Board not be willing to undertake this work I will wish to present the matter to any other protestant denomination which will be likely to undertake the work.

In case it is deemed advisable to consider seriously the advisability of undertaking this work I have no doubt that Dr. French would respond to an invitation to visit the Board rooms and lay the matter before the Board. While not himself a professing christian the Doctor is a genial gentleman whose whole heart and soul is in his work and who has rendered most valuable and heroic service in caring for the physical needs of these needy people.

In order to facilitate matters, and in case an interview with Doctor French is desired, I would recommend that an invitation be extended to him to come to New York on the occasion of his visit to Washington. My impression is that he is taking post graduate work in some eastern institution, possibly Johns Hopkins. A letter to Prof. W.T. Lopp, Chief of the Alaska Division, Bureau of Education, 1223 Smith Building, Seattle, Washington, will bring to you the Doctor's present address.

I hope that our church may be able to undertake this new work which ought long since to have been instituted by some church of the protestant faith.

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

(enclosure of copy of letter to Prof. Lopp)

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January 4, 1917

Prof. W.T.Lopp,

Smith Building,

Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Lopp:

Replying to your letter of the 26th ultimo I would say that I am referring to our New York Board the two items suggested in your communication, viz, the establishment of a mission at Bristol Bay and the matter of the allotting of lots to natives at Hoonah for building purposes.

I will farther communicate with you relative to these matters as soon as I have farther information from our Board.

Thanking you for your interest in these matters and your prompt reply to my letter, and with the compliments of the season, I am

Sincerely yours,

James H. Connel

January 5, 1917.

Rev. Moses Breeze, D.D.
1354 Forsythe Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Breeze,

I find on returning to the office and looking over my itineraries, that I am scheduled full up to March 10th. I have told the office of my wish to reserve three weeks for Ohio. Philadelphia North is trying to break in and have me conduct a campaign there in March, but I have told Miss Greene to hold them off until I could hear from you.

Now if you think that you can fill my time full in Ohio from March 11th to 25th or 28th inclusive, please let me know as soon as possible, and then you can work up the itinerary at your leisure. The "Big Four" churches of Cleveland, Youngstown, Canton, and Columbus, have already come on the list. Please consult Drs. Fugh and Wilber, and let Miss Greene know as soon as possible. If she knows what time you wish, she will hold that for you at my request, and then you can fill in as appointments develop.

I leave next week for Northern New York. Have three extended itineraries in this state.

Hoping for an early reply, I am

Very cordially yours,

January 10, 1917.

Rev. George G. Bruce,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bruce,

I have on hand two letters from you dated December 2nd and December 11th, and shall answer both together.

I am sending you the commission to the General Assembly, which as you will note, is made out both to myself and to you in case I do not go. I am very glad to resign in your favor, and hope your trip outside will do both you and Mrs. Bruce a world of good.

I presume that you will in receipt of letters from Mr. Marple who is going to take your place, and he writes me that he expects to start for Fairbanks with his wife the 20th of February. That will get him in to Fairbanks in good time before you need to start out. I have advised him to go by the stage from Chitina to Fairbanks, and would advise you and Mrs. Bruce to go by the same conveyance. The difference in price coming out would be so slight as not to compensate for the discomforts of trying to go by your own conveyance and do your own mashing. I think that you will find in Mr. Marple a first class man for the place, and Mrs. Marple, to judge from her husband's words, is a fine woman to take up the work which Mrs. Bruce has organized, and carry it forward. I am sorry that you have to leave this interior work, but I am sure that you will find in Juneau a splendid field, and I hope that the change from the interior to the milder though damper coast will be beneficial to Mrs. Bruce's health. I prefer the climate of the interior, but to anybody afflicted with nervous troubles, I think the coast climate is better.

I certainly rejoice with you that Alaska has gone "dry," and like you, I shall be very sorry if the final decision of the Board of Canvassers gives Sulzer the election as delegate. You do certainly need a change in the personnel of some of your

officers in Fairbanks. I do not know two more unfit men for their positions than your District Attorney and Marshall. I knew them well enough to dispise them both. Judge Wickersham writes that the Board of Canvassers will probably not get through with their work until February, but he thinks that Sulzer is likely to get the decision. I am urging him to carry the fight clear into Congress if necessary. He is working now hard for the Prohibition enactment of Congress - that is necessary to make effective the referendum vote of the people. He seems just as enthusiastic about this measure as any of us, and the two ladies that had charge of the W.C.T.U. work in Alaska, and Senator Dan. Sutherland, are in Washington working today to put the bill through the Committee. He wanted me to go and help, but I received his letter too late to change my appointments.

I shall send Mr. Marple your last letter. He as well as you has been exasperated by the Eddyites, and will know how to handle that situation and try to prevent that crowd from stealing more of your girls.

I am sending you the promised copy of "The Klondike Clan." I am very much pleased indeed at the way in which the sale of it is starting off. It promises to be a big seller. I certainly hope that these expectations will realized, for I want to write a couple more of stories, one of the Nome Stampede and one of the Fairbanks Stampede, and then get down to the big work of my life.

It is hardly probable that I shall get to the General Assembly this coming spring. You will be there to hold up Alaska's end, and as I expect to be commissioner next year, I think I shall wait until that time. Will you be able to come east and give us a visit? My daughter Alaska (Mrs. Kleinschmidt) with her children is living with me at South Orange, N.J. three-quarters of an hour from the office. We would be veryglad indeed to entertain you and Mrs. Bruce as long as you can stay with us in case you come east.

Give my love to Mrs. Bruce, and to all my friends at Fairbanks. I sent "The Klondike Clan" to the A.B. Camp at Fairbanks, of which I am a life member. Please write very soon and believe me, as ever

Very cordially your friend,

January 22nd, 1917.

Mr. Worcester, Advertising Clerk,
Fleming H. Revell Company,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Worcester:--

In my usual manner I have lost the lead pencil you gave me with your initials on it and therefore, have to address you simply as Mr. Worcester.

I find Miss Green did not send bundles of the advertising leaflets of my books ahead and I have used up nearly all I brought with me. Will you kindly give to Miss Green a good supply of those leaflets to be put in packages of say 150 each, so that she can send them ahead to the places where I am to speak. I have written to her, also, about this matter.

I receive a good many inquiries about the book, but more would be sold, I think, if the people knew in advance about them.

Do you contemplate publishing a leaflet embodying the paragraphs from reviews which you sent me in that envelope of clippings. I am sorry to say that the envelope with its clippings and the type-written reviews was lost on the train.

Please let me hear from you directly and rely upon me doing all that I can to boost the books.

With sincere regards, I am

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Matanuska, Alaska.

February 7, 1917.

Dr. S. Hall Young,

156 Fifth Avenue.

New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Young:

Your letter of the fall reached me O.K., also check from Mr. Olin to cover cost of dog-team. I secured same thru Mr. Forbes and Mr. Harrison of Seattle and got a regular "57" variety bunch (3 bird dogs, 1 bulldog, 1 airedale, 1 malamute and a collie) Have had a sweet time breaking them but have enjoyed the performance. It was my pleasure to receive the news that your new book had been published and also on my last trip in town to have a chance to glance over it. Allow me to offer my congratulations on the latest and may there^{be} more to follow. I trust your health is allowing you to pursue your duties with your old time vigor. With all good wishes for you and yours. I am,

Very truly yours.

J. L. Hughes

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Craig, Alaska, February 8, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young D.D.

New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Young:

It has been a long time since I have had a line from you. I think it is time we were renewing our acquaintance once more.

It seems that the population of Craig has reached such a small proportions that it is quite discouraging for our mission enterprise and it seems that the committee is in a "strait" as to continuing our work here. I myself have a hard time in trying to make and maintain a permanent judgment as what to do.

We came here three years ago and went to work enthusiastically with a vision of building up a Christian community, organizing a church, building a church and managing and establishing a permanent library. But the population has retrenched steadily until it seems to me that it would be futile attempt to proceed further with the present outlook. There are no financial enterprises here to maintain a steady population. But as to that, there never has been any thing here permanent. Still Alaska is a country of its own kind in a way, and we did not care to express our opinion in that regard because we came in good faith in of course the good faith of the Board. It seems to be one of those unfortunate situations that no one could avoid. But it gives us a tremendous concern to entertain a thought of a possible retrench ourselves with as little to show for our labor. But those who are here on the field and those who have gone away, can testify of much to the credit of our efforts that perhaps can never be appreciated by the outside world. Our Sunday School has scarcely missed a Sunday since we came here. And we found the little fellows in a most deplorable

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condition. They did not know how to act in a public gathering. The first few Sundays, they would talk and laugh out and run out in the rain when in class. Possibly they had never heard the name of Jesus spoken. They did not know a single word of Scripture. They could not sing a single song. Mrs. Coker met with them the first year twice during the week, teaching them songs and Scripture texts and telling the Bible stories until they can sing dozens of songs and for the past year we have had seven pupils who have learned every Golden Text and repeat the texts at the end of each quarter of that closing. Mr. Patterson, Pastor of our church at Beatrice, Neb. visited me this last summer and after he heard these children, one at a time stand up and repeat every Golden Text for the quarter, remarked that he "had seen more in that Sunday School than he had ever seen before."

It is hard in Alaska as you know to get older people to come to Sunday School, but we have had at least one dozen in my class right along until they left the town. There is one regret of my life, and that is two years ago we went out on the beach one Sunday and had dinner then I called the bunch together and we had our lessons right there on the rocks with one hundred and fifty six in the classes. I dare say the largest Sunday School of whites ever convened in Alaska. The regret, I did not have my camera for a picture.

Furthermore, there were seven prostitutes walking right around on the streets among the children whom we had to teach, and these children thought they were as good women as any body possibly even if they did ^{keep} every man that came down the streets. I said to Mrs. Coker there is one thing sure ~~me or~~ these women have got to get off of the streets or I will. They got off the streets. Later I said they will have to get out of town or I will. They are every one gone. Again I said some of this "bootlegging" has got to stop or I am going away from here. We sent three of them to Jail with sentences and ^{an} other to the "pen". I said again this debauched

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marchel will have to be removed or I will leave town .He was removed and we put in Mr.C.D.Calhoun one of the finest and cleanest young men that nodoubt the state of Ohio ever prodused.I said further we have got to get read of a certain professional man who was kicked out of several towns in the states and three towns in Alaska because of his retched disipated charactor.Hē is gone.

One thing has taken place since we came here,Craig is nolonger the dumping ground of the garbage cans of the otheaSoutheast Alaskan towns.Dr.Campell told me and Mr.Waggoner intimated that Craig was noted for being the very worst.Filled with sōcilest and anarchist with some good people.I dare say that I found every word of it true.Craig as you know situated betwean Klawack and Hydaburg the two native towns that our Board has kept two good men stationed for years and years teaching them and training them in the very highest principles of Christian living and there is no end to the tremendous amount of good they have done the natives,transforming them from savagery to respectable people. But a den of Rattle snakes and Copperheads,as Mr.Waggoner well knows has held the poisen in their fangs that has threatened to destroy all the good these God fearing men have done.It is said that when timber men begin to fall timber in a country inhabited by snakes the reptiles leave.Well we have seen this literally dīmonstrated.

I have been modest about these things and have never mentioned them to the Board or members of the Board before and you are the first one that I have intimated it to .I will say further that I dont take all this credit to myself by any means.We have a little Commissioner who is not very strong ,but at leasthe is morally clean and will do if supported and encouraged.When I first got behind him and tried to waken him up he wanted to resign and have me appointed in his stead. When I advised with Mr.Waggoner and Mr.Condit in regard to my becoming Commissioner,they discouraged it and well they did.For I could not have done what

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done what we forced this man to do by standing behind him and giving encouragement. He will tell you that I have never failed him and if *it* had not been for our support things would have been as they once were. The gang has repeatedly threatened his life. One "bootlegger" swore with a string of oaths in my presence what he was going to do for him and six native witnesses, talking to me when he knew that I was the moving spirit against him. So there is no telling what *he* said of me. One thing I know he never spoke to me any more. I have been warned to be very cautious for there were some severe threats made. One man on last Fourth of July collared me and told me what he would do for me. But he did not last long enough to carry out his threat.

Now I have only given you a skeleton outline of happenings about here and you can imagine the trimmings. Still I have no fears nor *any* worries, for somehow the sensations of fear has never impressed my conscience. I feel I have been a man and have discharged my duty as near as I now how and will indeed do so continually.

I would have you remember also in connection with our service here, that for one year and half I preached to the natives at Klawack every other Sunday morning when it was possible to reach them, marrying their sons and daughters, burying their dead and baptising their children. I will say that this was the most inspiring work that I have done since I have been in Alaska. We have Baptised several white children here in Craig as well as two Adults who professed faith in Christ.

All in all I am ^{not} ashamed of the results I have had since we came here but I am really proud of it. Perhaps the world will never know the heartaches and desires we have had. But that we do not care to lament.

These things I bring to your notice Dr. Young, because we consider you our personal friend and knowing that you have spent many years on the ground and can appreciate the full situation.

In reference to the future I don't know what we will do until

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Presbytery meets. We may remain here and they may send us to another field. The Lords will be done.

What did you do about the raising of funds for this field for buildings? You know we had committee to promise us at last Presbytery \$4,000 or more for church and manse here but it looks like every body will leave but the night watchman.

You may let Dr. Dixon read this if you like or any other members of the Board but as you know, dont publish it.

We read your book with great delight. I daresay it is fine reading.

Write me a long letter and tell me all about your self.

Your friend,:

J. M. Casles

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Hoonah, Alaska.

February 8th. 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.

Board of Home Missions

156 Fifth Ave New York City

Dear Dr. Young:- Are you aware
of my change of address. We came to Hoonah last October
and have had a very severe winter of it. We are happy how-
ever for we have many more souls to work for and the blessing
has been ours this winter. The people have taken us right
in and we can see the working of the spirit on all sides .
My daughter wrote of seeing you at Northfield .

Can you help us out with some papers and magazines . we can use
all you can send . Our supply is running short and this is
quite a center for fishermen. When are you going
to give us a call. We shall be glad to see you any time.

I carried the message to nearly every village in Southeastern
Alaska last summer and to many canneries.

With kindest regards to all I remain

Very sincerely yours

Geo. J. Beck.

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DuBois Penna. Feb. 23, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young D.D.,
New York N.Y.

My dear Dr. Young:-

I would like to speak a word through you, for Mr. Ralph Lloyd, now of Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah, as an applicant for the position at Sitka, Alaska, as successor to Dr. Johns, who I understand is not going back next year.

I do this because, when his name was put before Mr. M. C. Alleben, he replied that they were considering a man "who is acquainted with the machinery of the Board somewhat". This may be a sufficient reason for not considering Mr. Lloyd and taking another man, but I fear that Mr. Alleben does not have knowledge sufficient of the capabilities of Mr. Lloyd, to give him the consideration which he deserves, unless he has some one whom he is fully convinced is suited for the place.

Of course, I do not know just what is meant by "the machinery of the Board", but it would surely not take very long time to pick that up, and, from what I know of Mr. Lloyd, I think he would be a practical and well-fitting man for the place.

He has been at Westminster College for two years, and has so commended himself that Dr. Behrer wants him back. But he had plans to be married, which make him feel that he would rather not be there next year, and, when the Sitka vacancy was heard of, he was quite drawn to it as a work which he would like to take up.

I believe that Mr. Sweazy, of Westminster College wrote Mr. Alleben as to him, and it is the reason which Mr. Alleben mentions for not giving him consideration, which leads me to write to you.

In other words, my daughter Margaret, whom you met, when you were here, and who was at Westminster College last year, she is to become the wife of Mr. Lloyd, and having been known as teachers together there, they felt that they would rather settle elsewhere when their lives are thus thrown together.

And it seemed to me that, with Mr. Lloyd's ability and experience as a teacher and generally useful man in school, church, athletic and other work, and my daughter's college education and teaching experience at Westminster and elsewhere, they might be well fitted to assume the work at Sitka.

Feeling, therefore, that having met my daughter and knowing me, as you do, I might bring the matter again to Mr. Alleben's attention through you, I am writing this letter in the hope that a little further inquiry may be made as to Mr. Lloyd before the question is finally decided. Mr. Alleben can write to Dr. Behrer of Westminster College or I will be glad to go more into detail as to his qualifications.

I might say further that Mr. Lloyd has drawn toward such work, rather than other positions which are open to him, and for this reason, would like to have his case investigated fully as a deserving applicant.

Thanking you, I will be glad to hear from you in any way.

Very sincerely, J. Simon Bell,

MAR 6 - 1917

February 28, 1917.

Dear Doctor Young:-

A few days ago I sent word to Doctor Condit that I could not go to Klukwan. This morning I received a night letter from Falconer saying that he will not leave Klukwan. His Indians want him to stay etc. I think I know how he feels. I felt that way last February when I was leaving Sitka. I am glad if he can stay. It will be better for the Indians than for a stranger to go. But I am sorry for Kake, to which point he was scheduled to go. I hope they may get some good strong fellow for that point and get him soon.

I had a fine chance to speak a word for your books a few evenings ago. I was addressing some of the readers of this town and spoke of the books. One woman, a Mrs. Jones, knows you personally - you will perhaps remember her, her name is such an unusual one and you have not likely met more than one woman by the name of Jones. A number of books are to be ordered by one of the local stores to meet the new need. I have not yet definitely accepted the offer I had on my little book. I am not satisfied that those fellows have much of a book trade.

We have beautiful weather here to-day, but we have had snow and slush for nearly a week. Some gardens are made, and some have their potatoes planted. I dread the approaching summer. It is not hot here like in the east, but it still gets too hot for me. I'll have to go to the coast by July at latest and stay a couple of months, I suppose.

I hope you are well and happy. Write if you can find time.

Fraternally,

*Why wouldn't John C. Winston Co. Robert Joseph Diver.
Philadelphia be a good place to end my stay?*

JAN 29 1917

Tuesday morning.

Dear Doctor Young:-

Since writing the letter yesterday, the letter~~s~~ which was accompanied by two letters from my file from Doctor Condit, it has occurred to me that perhaps the frustration of that gasboat deal whereby Professor Johns was to have taken over the Lois, overhaul its engine, - which was sadly in need of such care - repaint it and do a lot of other things to restore it to proper condition again, all of which he was to do for the use of the boat when Presbytery or the General Missionary did not want to use it in the business of the Presbytery or said Missionary, is the real offence that has clouded my Alaskan skies. As you perhaps know, Dr. Condit prepared the contract under which the transfer was to be made, and the other members of the H.M. Committee had heartily endorsed the plan before a word had been said to me about it. At a glance the thing looked to an outsider as a generous thing. But Prof. Johns was not caught napping. He had made his decision in the matter before he asked my opinion, so he later told me. When the Doctor and other members of the Committee presented the thing to me I asked them if it had not looked like trying to sell an innocent man a gold-brick. I know it was a big disappointment to Condit and Waggoner to have the thing they had so carefully planned fall through. I knew they did not want to ask our Board for money to overhaul the boat, and by this transfer the Woman's Board would foot the bills and the Sheldon Jackson School get in return the doubtful service; for the time of year definitely specified as a reservation for Presbytery's use was exactly the only time of year when the boat could have been of any worth-while service to the school. I knew at the time that I was credited with frustrating that plot - for I could not dignify the proposal with a better name - but I thought that the justice of Professor Johns' declination would ultimately be fully recognized by all concerned. As a matter of fact I had nothing to do with balking the deal. I just heartily approved the wise Professor's action and kindly told the brethren my own estimate of the proposal when it came before me as Chairman of the H.M. Committee. I am glad to see that I have been so far forgiven as to be in line for a place among them again, a position in which I will certainly be harmless - if I go. And I could go back and be perfectly free in all my dealings with the brethren, for according to their own statements there is a perfectly clear record for service and effort, and if they do not want me to get in their way in future plans and transactions let them leave me out of positions in which I must ~~fixx~~ be consulted. I could be happy at Klukwan, and perhaps that is where I should be. If I go, I hope it may be possible to stay as long as Falkner did - sixteen years. That is the only place I know of among the Natives where I would be exempt from the gasboat affliction.

When you and Doctor Dixon have read those two letters, please return them for my file. And to Doctor Dixon I would say, more fully answering his question of last June, Home Mission management in the Presbytery of Willamette has long been in need of improvement. I hope the new Committee may make a start, at least; and, bad luck to them, I'm a member of it. The last Chairman was surely the most thoroughgoing failure I have met. Dr. Geselbracht, the new Chairman, will be a very different officer, I feel sure.

Very truly,

Dixon.

March 6, 1917.

Rev. Robert Joseph Diven, D.D.

Albany, Oregon.

My dear Dr. Diven,

Yours of February 28th is just here. I had just been reading your letter to Dr. Dixon stating that you could not go to Klackwan.

First of all, I want to apologize for not answering your former letter. It came while I was on a very strenuous itinerary in the northern part of New York State, was absent from the office for more than six weeks, and during that trip speaking constantly and averaging about a lecture and a half a day. I had to neglect all my correspondence.

I am very sorry indeed that you feel yourself tied so closely that you cannot heed these calls to which your heart responds. I sincerely hope that Mrs. Diven's health will be entirely built up again, and that she will be able to go with you to the northern fields again. I think you can be sure that there will always be a place when you decide to turn your steps to Alaska.

In regard to your inquiry about the John C. Winston Co. of Philadelphia - I know something of the Company and have inquired anew. They have the name of being rather hard to deal with. They do almost entirely a subscription trade, publishing big books profusely illustrated, and having their agents to place them. They would be rather unlikely to publish books like yours unless you would put up plenty of money as a guarantee. However, it might be worth while to write them, and I am sure that they will carry out whatever contract they make with you. They do very fine work in the way of printing.

Thank you for your advertising of my books. They are going very well, and I am beginning to work on the next one.

I do not know yet what we are to do with Wake. I am in correspondence with quite a number of men, and am to address the students of Princeton this evening. There are several of them who wish to go to Alaska, but I fear the risk of taking a green, raw student and letting him begin his ecclesiastical experiments on Alaska.

With warmest regards to yourself and your family, I am

Very cordially,

March 8, 1917.

Mr. William C. Clark,

414 West 44th Street, N.Y.

My dear Billy

Yours with enclosed documents for signature has just reached me, and I hurry to comply with your request. Herewith find document properly signed and sworn to before a Notary.

I am very sorry not to have seen you before. I am going away tomorrow night, and I do not know just yet what train I shall take, but probably one somewhere about midnight.

I am going to Ohio on an itinerary which will take about a month. I have been lecturing almost every day since I returned the first of last week from northern New York.

I wish heartily that I could have a visit with you. Please drop me a line when you receive this, or better, if you have leisure come tomorrow some time to my office and let me have at least a glimpse of you. Can you take lunch with me tomorrow noon?

Hastily and heartily your friend,

March 8, 1917.

Rev. J. Vernon Bell, D.D.

Du Bois, Penna.

My dear Dr. Bell,

Yours of February 23rd followed me to New York State where I was on an extended itinerary, and I have just now been able to take the matter up with Mr. Allaben.

Mr. Allaben says that he is much attracted to Mr. Lloyd and much interested in him and desirous of getting him in the school work of the Women's Board, and therefore wrote to Mr. Sweeney enclosing application blanks for Mr. Lloyd which have not yet been returned. Mr. Allaben, however, says that there are several other men who have been connected with the school work of the Board who are in line for the position at Sitka, which is the most important position in the gift of the Educational Department of the Board. He thinks if Mr. Lloyd would accept some one of the other positions which he could offer him, that he would be in line for promotion for the principalship of the missionary schools.

I urged the claims of Mr. Lloyd and of your daughter to Mr. Allaben who is a warm friend of mine, and he seems anxious to do what is best both to Mr. Lloyd and to the work of the Board. Mr. Allaben is not going to decide the matter of the appointment of a successor to Mr. Johns until he himself goes to Sitka, which will be some time in the early summer, and investigates the conditions there for himself. There is one man now at work in the Sitka school as assistant professor, who may be promoted to the principalship.

Mr. Allaben is anxious to keep in touch with Mr. Lloyd, and it may be that he will not find anybody who strikes him as more suitable for this posi-

after his visit to Sitka. I wish I could give you a more encouraging letter, and hope that your daughter and your prospective son-in-law may find some positions which will satisfy them just as well.

With kind regards to you and to them, I am

Very sincerely yours,

March 8th 1917

Mr D. F. Gaston
Theological Seminary,
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Gaston,

Your letter reached me yesterday, and it only adds to the interest which I felt in you when you spoke so earnestly to me of your wish to go to Alaska.

I have just had a talk with Dr. Stevenson and with Dr. Dixon, Secretary of our Board about you. Dr. Stevenson corroborates what Dr. Ordman and some others to whom I talked about you said, that you were one of the best students in Princeton and of a lovable disposition that makes everybody your friend. I have seldom heard more universal and warm commendations of any one. And yet, after consulting with Dr. Dixon I am compelled to at least defer your hopes about going to Alaska. This is solely on account of your physical infirmity, the paralysis or nervous affliction which mars your speech. I have no doubt that when a congregation gets used to you, that this will cease to be a serious drawback - of your influence over them and of your ability in sermonizing and in writing there is no question. But the man who goes to that pioneer work among the miners of Alaska ought to be able to speak right off from the shoulder - to halt the procession if necessary and compel men to listen to him. He ought to be a man of ready speech as well as a devoted Christian worker, and in this respect I am afraid you would come short.

I know that you would rather have me entirely frank with you, than to encourage you to look for a different result to further applications.

Praying That God will guide you into work after your own heart, and
where you can do to the full the Master's work, I am always

Your friend

Dictated on March 8th, but owing to illness of
secretary, not written until March 27th.

March 8, 1917.

Rev. J. L. Hughes,

Matanuska, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Hughes,

Your short letter of February 7th is just at hand.

I am glad you got your money all right. It was charged up, of course, to the \$10,000 fund, and now I have before me, in all probability, the task of raising another \$10,000 for future work. The board has adopted a rule cutting out most of the "specials", and I shall try to see that specials needed in Alaska are all provided for.

I sympathize with you in your task of breaking in that heterogeneous bunch of dogs. It must surely have been "a sweet time." I don't envy you and I don't think much of that way of getting together a dog team. Those short-haired "outside" dogs may do on the milder coast of Cook's Inlet, but certainly would not do on the interior especially the bull-dog. The bull-dogs I have known in the interior have either been kept in the house or have frozen to death. There is little use for toy dogs in interior Alaska. The bird dogs and theairedale are better but decidedly too light for strenuous team work. The collie will be very useful as a leader, but the cross of the collie with the malamute will be much better. Your dogs may be useful for breeding purposes but I would not like to have the task of driving them as a team. I would far rather get five good malamutes or "huskies" than 9 or 11 of such dogs as you have got together. I hope, however, that you will be able to get some use from them. They don't appeal to me at all.

I would like to receive from you a personal letter giving somewhat in detail your work among the miners and coal men, the size of the town and some

good pictures of the coal fields, and of the people, such as I can use in slides. I want them in order to raise the money for you and your work, and for such work as yours, also I wish the letter for publication in the June number of the Assembly Herald. Please hurry these in order that they may be in good time for the Assembly. The letter and pictures ought to be here by the first of May.

Thank you for your kind words about my book. I am starting on another story, but shall in all probability not be able to finish it before a year from now at least. My books are going remarkably well.

Last night at Princeton, N.J. I interviewed a couple of young men who wished to get to Alaska. One especially, Mr. Baldwin, whose wife was with him, wishes to go to Katmanaska when you go on into the interior. I am much taken with Mr. Baldwin, and with his wife, and think he would be just the man for your place. I shall write to Dr. Condit about him very shortly. There is another young man, Mr. Fols, also a senior at Princeton, whom we are thinking of for Ruby.

What are your plans about the future Mrs. Hughes? Will she meet you at Juneau in order that you may get to your new field via Skagway and the Yukon and Tanana rivers, or will you try to take her over the mountains. I hardly think your nondescript dog team would be sufficient to the task of crossing the mountains with a woman to carry. I hope your prospective bride is a good washer.

My daughter and her children and myself will probably summer again in our former cottage at Fair Haven.

With warm regards, I am

As ever your friend,

*Sent to Mr. Young 3/27/17
Probably held by him.*

March 8th. 1917.

Mr. Harold H. Baldwin,
60 University Place,
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Baldwin,

I leave this evening for a four weeks itinerary in Ohio, and therefore am writing to you.

I have received letters from Mr. Bels and Mr. Gaston and have replied to them. I am in hopes that Mr. Bels will fully decide to apply for the Alaska work, and if so shall recommend him for the Ruby field, that is if you are ready to apply to go to the Katanuska field. If you are, I am prepared to further your application to the Board, and think I can secure your appointment.

Will you kindly write me fully what our prospects are for getting you for the Alaska work. You spoke of your mother-in-law and her objections. If you think it wise, I am prepared to write to her a frank letter about the Katanuska field which I hope will remove the fears she had of her daughter going there. After sampling all of the climates of Alaska and of the western coast, as well as the eastern states, I think I would prefer the climate of the Cook's Inlet country to that of any other in the world. I know it is much more pleasant and comfortable than the climate of Southern California.

As to the isolation - the Government railroad will be connected with Seward by the end of this summer, so that there would be daily railroad communication winter and summer with Seward, and steamboats coming every two or three days to that point, and in summer going directly up to Anchorage. It is only a short run on the railroad to Katanuska. At present Mr. Hughes lives in Anchorage and carries on his work on the railroad, and you would probably do the

same thing. I think that your wife would find, if she is an out-door girl, the life in that region just as pleasant, satisfying and full of pleasure, as she would find life anywhere else. My daughter, who is living with me and who has spent most of her life in Alaska, is as homesick as I am to get back, and we will probably make our permanent home at Seward or Anchorage, or perhaps at Fairbanks.

I surely hope that your mother-in-law will not stand in the way of the usefulness of yourself or your wife, and if you go there and have her spend a time with you, I am sure she will feel the spell of the country as you will. It is necessary for me to know very soon your decision in the matter, as Dr. Dixon looks to me to find and recommend the men we wish for these Alaska fields.

Do you know whether any of the senior class is anxious to take up Indian work? We have a promising Indian field now vacant, Lake, in southeastern Alaska - an established mission in a pleasant though rather an isolated place, for which we need a good man and a good woman.

Please let me hear from you very soon.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated on March 8th, but owing to illness of secretary, not written until March 27th.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY
I.

March 15, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
C/o Rev. Robert E. Pugh,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Young:-

A bunch of long letters has been received from Dr. Condit. It will involve too much work to copy them; I will give you the main points of them and seek your counsel.

First,- Falconer has decided to remain at Klukwan. Condit has rebuked him because of his decision to remain without conference with the Home Mission Committee and the Superintendent.

Second,- Baldwin's letter to Dr. Condit, which Condit has sent on to me, tells him that he (Baldwin) is about \$1,000. in debt and wants to know whether he can save money out of his salary to pay back this debt. Do you not think that all of our men going to Alaska ought to be free from every sort and kind of handicap? Please give me your judgment.

Third,- Condit is taking up the matter of Bristol Bay with the Congregational and Baptist Boards.

Fourth,- Condit promises that the Presbytery will discuss the whole matter of Edward Marsden and asks us to postpone judgment until the Presbytery has had an opportunity to pass upon it.

Fifth,- Hughes of Matanuska writes to Condit that his girl wants to postpone the wedding until 1918; I make no comment. Under these circumstances, Dr. Condit will retain Hughes at Matanuska where he can serve that field acceptably without a wife. This demands, so Condit says, that two men with their wives be sent into the interior in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Marple. The sending of these two men will approximate \$500. for the man going to Nenana, and

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\$550. for Ruby. Further, as there is no church building at Nenana we will have to rent; in the meantime, the purchase of a lot for church and manse will cost in the neighborhood of \$500. Condit inquires whether the expense of sending these two men with their wives to the field, the purchase of a lot at Nenana and the erection of a church and manse, will be available from the \$10,000. fund raised by yourself.

Sixth,- Condit raises the question of his going into the interior next summer. To attend the Yukon Presbytery will involve the expenditure on his part of about \$100.; to carry out his other plans will call for \$500.

Seventh,- As Falconer has probably decided to remain at Klukwan and Diven can not now go to Kake, Condit wants a man for Kake. He says that Dean Richards of Elkhart, Kansas, a Park College man, has been highly recommended by Waggoner and Buchanan. Do you know anything about him, or can you find out?

I am enclosing two statements furnished by Mr. Banks setting forth;

First,- the estimated balance from funds raised by yourself as of April 1st, 1917, showing that the available sum amounts to \$1,456.75. It is evident that this sum will be insufficient to purchase ground and erect a church and manse. It will, however, help very materially in getting the missionaries to Alaska and paying the rent of some building for church services at Nenana.

Second,- the other memorandum from Mr. Banks shows that during the present fiscal year from April 1st, up to March 7th, there has come into the treasury from sources credited to you a total of \$4,893.62. It is evident that the financial side of our Alaskan question is not altogether clear. I shall, therefore, await your reply with much interest.

Hoping that you are well and receiving great encouragement in your campaign, I am as ever,

Cordially yours,

Enc.-

John D. Young

Columbus, O., March 17, 1917.

Rev. John Dixon, D. D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Dixon:-

Yours of March 15th is just here and I hasten to answer.

First of all, I wish to say that evidently Mrs. Freeman has been ill the most, if not the whole, of this week. Some letters which I dictated to her before I left evidently were not sent but are in her notebook. Miss Maxwell with Miss Greene will have to take charge of my office until Mrs. Freeman returns and if by any means the letters I dictated could be sent it would relieve matters somewhat.

Now to take up the items of your letter:

First: I do not suppose there is anything to be done about Falconer and Klukwan. Condit's "Rebuke" is characteristic but futile in the premises.

Second: I dictated a letter to Baldwin which he has not answered and which I fear Mrs. Freeman did not typewrite. Baldwin did not say anything to me about his thousand dollar debt. I do not think that he would be able to repay for years a sum so large as a thousand dollars out of the salary paid to our list of commissioners considering the expense of living in that country, and while I like Baldwin and his wife, I do think that we ought not to send any man to Alaska who is handicapped in that way. Eels, I think, is not in debt and is equally equipped I think, for the work I think that here again my letter dictated to him was not sent, else I would have received a reply. I am sending to you a late letter received from Mr. Gaston and also enclosing the other letter which I think I showed you. This is the man who had paralysis of the vocal cords and who talks with such difficulty. There is no man at the Seminary, so they told me, who is more beloved by his fellow students and the professors and he is a brainy man and an athlete in many ways but it is painful to listen to him talk and the doctors, so Dr. Stevenson said, do not give much hope of his recovery. I think that it would be doubtful experiment to send him.

The McCormick man of whom Felton wrote to Condit seems from Felton's account, to be a good all-around man with, however, the rather fatal defect, in my judgment, that he is not "a good sport". He knows nothing about playing out-door games, hunting, mountain climbing, camping or anything of the kind. I do not think that you would agree with me in perhaps that one of the prime requisites of a successful Missionary in Alaska is that he should

be "a dead-game sport."

Perhaps in the unsettled state of the Board's finances it is well enough for Condit to take up the matter of Bristol Pay with the Congregationalists and Baptists' Boards but I do hate to give up that pet scheme of mine. I do not think that either of those two Boards will put the requisite money into that enterprise to make it a success and I do not think it ought to be undertaken on the basis of a mere minister and his salary. There is no use in trying to do anything with those natives unless you have a sufficient "home" in which you can gather the girls, especially, and also the boys, keeping them there until they are safely managed before sending them forth in that godless region among the riff-raff of fishermen from San Francisco and other tough points. That Mission in order to be effective must be very vigorous, very well supported and very wisely managed.

Third: I hope the Presbytery of Alaska will make a thorough investigation of the Metlakahla and Marsden matter. The fact that such men as Dr. Myers think that Dr. Condit and the Presbytery have acted unwisely in that matter, carries a good deal of weight with me. I have had several letters from my sister-in-law - Mrs. J. W. Young, who lives at Metlakahla. She is a very warm partisan of Father Duncan's and thinks he has been grossly abused. I fear the Presbyterian Church has permanently lost Metlakahla as a Mission.

Fourth: I am very much disappointed that Hughes's girl has proven so coy. I suppose it is on account of her mother that she wishes to postpone the wedding but we need married men at Matanuska as well as at Nenana. I believe Mr. Eels will be willing to go to Nenana and if so, I think we ought to send him there, rather than Baldwin. Then it will remain for us to find a good man for Ruby. I have no one to recommend for that position without further correspondence with one or two possibilities.

In the matter of expense I think we will have to stand it. I have an idea that if Nenana is booming, as reports seem to show, a church building can be erected without asking for any other help than that which can be obtained from the Board of Church Erection. The Government Officials having charge of the railroad at Nenana ought to be able and willing to give us considerable help and there will doubtless be other men in sympathy with our work. Then those who are opening up the Nenana Coal Fields ought to be able to help.

Evidently Condit will be as surprised as you and I were when he learns how little of the \$10,000 fund is left. I am very willing to have it all used for the expenses of the men whom we send to Nenana and the necessary purchase of lots, etc., provided that the Board makes provisions for making permanent that \$10,000 appropriation, or at least sending me again among the churches to raise a like amount. The method of raising the money, if I have to raise it, I will have to discuss with you at length when I return. I certainly would not be willing to undertake the burden of that

fund on the same basis that I did before.

Fifth: I believe that by all means Condit should go into the Interior next summer. He ought to have gone there last summer and remained there last winter doing that pioneer work. I do not believe that the Board ought to hesitate on account of the expense to send him. We might as well give up that whole Interior work if the general Missionary is not to visit that field and report them. That Interior of Alaska is bound to be the most important and best settled part of the territory. I include of course, in the Interior, Cook's Inlet country, the Matanuska Coal Fields and the Susitna and Tenana Valleys.

Sixth: I do not know anything about Dean Richards of Elkhart, Kansas, and I do not know just now how I can find out about him. I think you would better refer that to Dr. Fullerton with instructions to investigate and if possible, have an interview with Richards. I have not, as you know, very high ideas of the judgment of the two Brethren you mention.

Seventh: I am very willing to O. K. the expenditure of a part or the whole of the \$1456.75 remaining of the \$10,000 fund if it is to be put at once into this new work in the Interior of Alaska. It should not be hung up to be used in the next year's work.

Eighth: In regard to the credit to me of \$4893.62 for the last year, I wish to remind you that this sum was nearly all gotten for specials that I was directed by the Board to raise, and you will also remember that I was asked to put my strength in raising money for the general work of the Home Board. In most cases during the past year I made no appeal for any special object but appealed for the work of the Board in Alaska and in most cases there was no collection taken; but often I was told that the contributions of the churches were greatly increased by my appeals. So that I think you will understand the \$4893.62 does not by any means represent the total results of my efforts among the churches.

I think that my work should be on a different basis and much more clearly defined next year. I have been consulting with Mr. Pugh and Mr. Houston concerning the feasibility of getting the Ohio Synod to take up for its Home Mission work the support of all of our work in Alaska. The Broad-st. Church (Dr. Palmer's) was quite interested last Sabbath by my address and they are working now on the proposition that they undertake the support of an Alaska Missionary. Mr. Copeland, the most liberal member of that church, has it in hand and I shall hear from him in a few days. I believe that if I was allowed to spend at least half of my time next year in the office and confine my lecturing mostly to Ohio so that I could appear before most of the presbyteries and before the Synod of Ohio, I could work this matter up and make a success of it. Both Mr. Pugh and Dr. Houston think this is feasible. However, this is a subject for further discussion and planning.

I am having a good itinerary here and am sending to Mr.

Rev. John Dixon, D. D. # 4.

Banks \$62.12 - the sums already handed in. The Broad-st. Church and the West Broad-st. are still to hear from and also Dr. Hindman's Church - Northminster - will give more than the \$30 already given me by that Church. These churches are all on the Budget System and this money is extra. I am to be at the Indianola and Central Churches of Columbus tomorrow; Delaware, Monday; Newark, Tuesday; Coshocton, Wednesday; Jersey, Friday and some other church Thursday, coming again to Columbus for Sunday March 25th. Am to address the Ministers' Meeting in Columbus next Monday.

I have some more correspondence with me up at Mr. Pugh's house which I shall try to take up with you in a few days. This is the first time I have had leisure to get down to my correspondence with a stenographer.

Very cordially yours,

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Enclosures.

Columbus, O., March 17, 1917.

Mrs. A. G. Holmes,
Shenley Hotel,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Holmes:-

Your letter of March 14th has been forwarded to me here and I hasten to reply.

Rev. T. P. Howard of Knik, Alaska, is no longer working under the Presbyterian Home Mission Board. He has joined the Episcopal Church and is, I believe, continuing at Knik under their charge. I presume that he still keeps up the reading room which you helped to establish for him there.

I do not know why he did not reply to your letter or acknowledge the receipt of the reading matter which you sent him. He certainly should have done so.

We have many reading rooms in Alaska and without wishing to divert anything that would otherwise go to Knik I would mention that we have very prosperous Missions now just across Cooks Inlet at Anchorage, the new railroad town, and also at Kenuska, 75 miles from Anchorage, the new coal miner's town. Our reading room at Anchorage will be a great distributing center and I hope you will be able to send magazines and other help there. Rev. James L. McBride and Rev. Mr. Hughes are our two Ministers at Anchorage, Mr. McBride having built and organized a church at Anchorage. You would better correspond with him as to the future offering in the way of literature.

Very cordially yours,

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Columbus, O., March 17, 1917.

Mr. David F. Gaston,
6 Alexander Hall,
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Gaston:-

Yours of March 10th has been forwarded to me here and this is the first opportunity I have had to reply. As you do not speak in this letter of receiving my reply to yours of March 7th I infer that my Secretary did not write the letter which I dictated to her immediately on receipt of that first letter. She was taken ill about the time I left New York- which was March 9th - and was out of the office the first part of this week.

I have not the copy of my letter to you because she had not written it when I left. Doubtless you have received that letter before this.

I like both of your letters and this latter one shows a very manly, earnest and honest spirit. It may be that my impression of your disability in the matter of speech may have been too convincing and were I in the office I should certainly come down and hear you preach. I shall not be back to New York until about April 6th - just before Easter. I shall have several appointments in the Northern part of New York State during the week following Easter and shall start West again about April 19th for an itinerary in Michigan. Before I come West again I might be able to run down to Princeton if you could arrange the date to suit that visit. Perhaps Dr. Dixon could hear you preach and meet you personally. I like your spirit, your grit and determination and it may be that you would be just the one to make good in that hard field. I am sending your letters with this reply of mine to Dr. Dixon and you will doubtless hear from him. I pray God may bless you abundantly and direct you to His honor and glory and the good of your fellow men.

Very cordially yours,

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Juneau, Alaska

March 19, 1917

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,

New York.

Dear Dr. Young:

Just a line to tell you we arrived safely at Juneau March 11th after spending from Feb. 26th on the way. The trip over the trail was a fine pleasure beside a happy education. The weather was ideal all the way, in fact, we were told it was the most fine weeks of the winter.

Rev. W. S. Marple and wife were here on our arrival and we spent

pleasant house in getting acquainted with them under the hospitable direction of Dr. and Mrs Condit. The house here was furnished sufficiently for our comfort until the goods arrive from Fairbanks. The people have received us joyously and we look forward for a happy pastorate.

We had a few days with Rev. Shriver at Cordova who seems to be getting a good hold of the people. He and his wife entertain in our honor one evening, a complete affair, and about 30 were out.

Mrs. Bruce is feeling pretty well after a week's rest. I feel that we left the Interior just in time for she had a bad spell just two weeks before our departure.

which somewhat frightened me. A good rest will bring her back to normal health, and we can get into the old pace.

I will be here until the last of the next month, wife will leave by the first, and journey toward Dallas. My mother and some of the family will be in St Joe, Mo., and we plan a week there. It'll be back to work in about 60 days from leaving and feel the work will grow here. The people are in a state of hunger that angers good.

Dr. Condit and Rev. Waggoner have been kind to help us get acquainted with the people and we have been made most welcome.

Should you be at the assembly
opportunity will be given for
talking over the Merkan work.
Mrs. Bruce will accompany me to
the assembly for the fine opportunity
of a spiritual uplift and recreation.

This church is putting into
operation the every member canvass
and we feel that finances will be
one of our easy task hereafter.
You will enjoy looking over the
report of the Fairbanks church.
I will enclose the statistical report
soon in my report to Dr. Dixon.

Mrs. Bruce joins me in warmest
regards,

Truly yours,

Geo. A. Bruce.

I will miss my typewriter until July.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

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March 22, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
Care Rev. Robert E. Pugh,
104 North Third Street, Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Young:-

The Board at its meeting on March the fifteenth, 1917, took the following action:-

"The Finance Committee having been informed that the representatives of the Board have by common consent of the office been in the habit of receiving cash contributions, checks etc., from the congregations they address, or the individuals whom they may interview, and paying over same to the Treasurer, after returning to the office, which practice the Finance Committee believe to be incorrect, they now recommend to the Board the adoption of the following:-

"R e s o l v e d: That all representatives of the Board upon receipt of offerings or donations of any kind will give a temporary receipt to the church official or the individual contributing or donating any amount towards the work of this Board, upon such form as shall be furnished by the Board, a carbon copy of which receipt will be sent to the Treasurer, together with the amount of the contribution or donation, and that the Treasurer of the Board will send the official receipt for such amount to the donor in the usual way. It is further

"R e s o l v e d: That no donation or contribution paid to a representative of the Board shall be used by him towards traveling expenses, but that all funds required to meet such expenses shall be obtained direct from the Treasurer through the usual voucher check."

Very sincerely yours,



Clerk of the Board.

P.S.-This goes into effect April 1, 1917.

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81 West Tenth Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio,
April 11, 1917.

The Reverend Doctor S. Hall Young,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Doctor Young:

Your address on Alaska and the
interview which you granted me were appreciated more than
I know how to express.

The more I think of the work in Alaska, and
especially in connection with the new University, the more
enthusiastic I become. My interest is doubly strong when
I consider that work in cooperation with one who knows the
field as you do.

I wrote to the Honorable Dan Sutherland, and also
to Governor Strong, telling them plainly of my ambitions
concerning that work. I wrote to Mr. Wickersham also, and
asked him for information on Alaska.

Since you know the field and its problems and will
most probably be directly concerned with the supervision of the
University work in particular, I feel that if I have your
support my hopes will be realized.

Yours very sincerely,

Oren W. Hawkins

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Matanuska, Alaska,
April 12, 1917.

Dr. S. Hall Young,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Young:-

Your very welcome letter of March 8th is before me. Glad to hear of the pleasing reception your book has had from the public and trust there will be many more from the same pen. Know you will have your hands busy with raising an additional \$10,000 for the Alaska work, but am sure you will pull through in great style. Relative to letter regarding my field, Dr. Condit wrote me about the same time as your letter arrived for a similar one and I have forwarded same to him. This will, of course, make it unnecessary for me to touch on these matters in my correspondence with you.

Mr. Kenyon, the Y.M.C.A. Secretary, whom you recall from last summer, has had fifty ~~xx~~ prints made of scenes along the construction route of the railroad and the adjacent country. He has forwarded same to his New York Office for the Y.M.C.A. and they have been made into the proper size for lantern slides. He informs me that he will be very glad to place same at your disposal and they can be had by applying to John F. Moore, Senior Secretary, ~~124~~ 124 East 28th St., New York City. My supply of ~~koak~~ prints due to my amateur knowledge is very limited. Mr. Kenyon's views were taken by the official photographer for

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the Commission and are the best to be had. There is no town in the coal fields at present and there is a very slim chance of any being opened there this year, though there may be a temporary townsite laid out the later part of the summer and opened to the public. Grading is due to be finished to the Chickaloon coal fields by July 1st, and steel should be laid by the middle of August. Two small mines are in operation on the borders of the coal fields furnishing fuel for the Commission and the town of Anchorage. It will be at least another year before work of any importance will be done by private capital in opening up the coal fields. Steel is due to be laid to Talkeetna on the main line to Fairbanks by the close of the summer and from Anchorage going to Seward as far as Bird Point, Mile 83, by January 1st, 1918, leaving a gap of eleven miles between Anchorage and Seward connections. Homesteaders are taking up all available land in this vicinity and are planting large quantities of potatoes due to their prevailing high price. My work along the railroad line is opening up nicely and things are bright for the future. Have established two preaching points for the homesteaders and find they appreciate very much the services held there. Would it be possible for you to arrange for a small folding organ to be sent me to be used in my itinerating work? I have been using one this winter and have found it of great help, but in the near future will have to return same to Mr. McBride, as he is returning the one now in his possession to Mr. Howard, who claims it as his personal property. If you were to arrange for such a gift in your list of specials it would help greatly in my work.

The instrument I now have is made by Bilhorn Brothers, whose address I have not been able to obtain.

All indications point to this being the busiest summer Anchorage and vicinity will have. Have enjoyed my work greatly this winter, especially the mushing feature. count myself fortunate to find myself in such a field with its many opportunities and daily regret my inability to measure up to same. Trust the two incoming seminary men will find their fields will measure up to their expectations. I am going to remain here at Matanuska as Dr. Condit has doubtlessly informed you of my change of plans. My plans for the "double-harness stunt" are very vague at present, but hope by 1918 same will be more definite. Trust this war will not interfere greatly with the carrying on of the government railroad in this vicinity.

Kindly give my regards to your daughter and her children and reserve a large share for yourself.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Hughes.

April 23, 1917....G.

C O P Y

I. April 14, 1917.

Rev. E. F. Hallenbeck, D.D.,
First Presbyterian Church,
San Diego, California.

My dear Dr. Hallenbeck,-

Your letter of April the fourth, addressed to Mr. McAfee, has been referred by him to me because Alaska affairs are in my department. Dr. Spence has written us with regard to some method of transportation upon his field. Thus far the Board has been unable to give it favorable consideration. I plead this fact as a justification, or, at least, an excuse for turning to you and urging you to submit the matter to your people in the hope that they may raise the money for the motor sled or whatever may be found practicable in that Arctic climate.

I am sure you will not be offended when I remind you that the Presbytery of Los Angeles contributes nothing directly to the Board, but carries on its own home mission work. I note with pleasure that the San Diego church gave a year ago, \$1,521. to the work within the bounds of the Presbytery. Would it not be possible to enlist the sympathy of such a generous people in the needs of Dr. Spence? Indeed, I am disposed to go further, if I may, and say that it would be a great gratification to the Board of Home Missions if the San Diego church in addition to meeting its responsibility for home mission work within the bounds of Los Angeles Presbytery, would make Dr. Spence their own missionary. May I not hope for an encouraging response to this appeal?

And with best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

(Signed) John Dixon.

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Higlaburg, Alaska

April 16, 17.

Dr. S. Hall Young

26 Fifth Ave, New York City.

Dear Dr. Young:

Several attempts have failed to secure the information you desired about the ^{cost of} equipment of a small hospital suited to this place. I trust I can, tho', ascertain the approximate cost soon. I shall try in other directions. I have been anxious about the budget, but, I believe, things are developing and will be worked out at the proper time.

We are deeply grateful for the interest and help you have given us in the work here, and this is the third attempt I have made to write you so as to give you some facts which Mr. Howe thinks you should ~~hear~~ concerning conditions and work here so that you may advise us what to do concerning the hospital project.

I would first say that we anticipate a library treat when the "Klondike Claim" arrives. It shall be cherished not only for its inherent value but especially because of its being a gift from the author. I shall be glad to share the reading of it with Miss Gould whom I hope to see

this summer. Mr. Howe and I greatly enjoyed "Alaska Days with John Muir". It is fascinating.

Concerning the need here, at a funeral a short time ago, Mr. Howe counted six new graves in the little burying ground, together; and, at a little distance, 3 more. Since then three more have been made. At least sixteen since Christmas. This from a town of say 320 people goes to show something of the appalling need of medical care. I have made a list of the deaths since our arrival two years ago this month. I think it might interest you. In one column I listed the names and approximate ages of those known or supposed to be victims of tuberculosis. In the other column all others. I have been visiting with Mrs. Bromley of Klawock while our husbands attended Presbytery. She informs me that there has been no funeral here since their arrival last July.

In December this whole town practically was in the throes of the Measles. In the two weeks following Christmas seven boys died, all under 20. About this time Miss Leroy, a nurse under employ of the Government arrived. Mr. Hawthorn

had assured the natives that the old house built for the teachers would be used as a hospital. But this was not done. Miss Leroy was to ~~aid~~ ^{be} Miss Gibson, whom you know to be of missionary spirit. When left in charge she visited the school twice daily, and later worked early and late during an epidemic of the grippe. She told me that the children appeared to be unusually weak and said, "You surely need a hospital." I shall ask Mr. Howe to send you facts concerning the wonderful improvement of the boy he took constant care of on our front porch for about 3 months, to show what apparently might be done with care and good food, and fresh air.

And what is the hope of doing any real constructive work among them if nothing is done to combat this scourge?

And this brings me to the part of my letter I have ~~written~~ ^{outlined} over.

Knowing the present officials of the Bureau of Education and their attitude toward missionary enterprise Miss Gibson corroborated our fears of opposition to establishing a hospital. This subtle antagonism we were

loathe to believe in and did not
for months after our arrival, tho
acts and words now and then make
us wonder. Gradually we felt it more
and more keenly. The personal ele-
ment can be forgiven more easily
than the effect of their influence
on the natives, as we see it. The
dance has been fastened upon the
young people, who were coaxed, almost
forced, to participate. As a result(?)
(so many of the natives declare) we
have a moral situation anything
but attractive. Seven young women
this year have "put shame on
their faces." Some of the leading men pro-
tested against the dance. One told
the principal last year that before
his children would be taught
dancing in school he would row
in a canoe if necessary to put them
in school at Sitta, (where he was living).
They contemplated but your sending a
petition to ask that teachers be sent
here that would not dance.

The mail boat whistled in last Mon-
day night before I had quite finished this.
But it made it possible to add some great
news. One friend of Mr Howes, Rev. Matthew

Smith D.D. of Beavertails Pa. sent
us \$90. toward a hospital I'm enclosing
a copy of his second letter. And Dr.
Craig of Haines sent Mr. Howe a
copy of a letter sent to the Board by
him urging that that hospital
be transferred to Prince of Wales
Island. Mr. Howe thinks he will be
safe in stating to the Board that
the natives (under his guidance) will
build the building if they will place
it here. Will you let us know
what legal objection could be offered
by the bureau to placing it on a
reservation plot - if such should
be attempted?

Thanking you for many kindnesses

I am

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. L. Howe

Deaths Since April 15th '15

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|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Lou James baby | 7 mo. 1915 | Louise Duncan (Blood) |
| 2. Alex. Wallace | 25-? " | 2 Mrs. Alex (Stranger) |
| 3. Ralph Jackson | " " | 3. Nancy Cogo (old) |
| 4. Kately Abrams | " " | 4. Alexander baby |
| | | 5. Amanda's baby |
| 5. Willie Frank | 12 yrs. 1916 | 6. P. John's baby (stomach) |
| 6. Mrs. Thaddenance | " " | 7. Mrs. Yellotson (pneumonia) |
| 7. Parnell's baby | 7 mo. " | 8. Peter Nathlans baby |
| 8. Esther Smith | 7 yrs. " | 9. Mrs. Jason |
| 9. James George's baby | " " | 10. Evelyn Charles's baby 2 yrs |
| 10. Shuttles's baby | " " | 11. Alex H's baby |
| 11. John Scott | 15 yrs Dec. 24 " | 12. Mrs. Gumpsh |
| 12. James Cogo | 17 Jan 1917 | 13 Philip Shuttles |
| 13. James Nakath | 17 " " | |
| 14. James Frank | 10 yrs Jan " | |
| 15. Gould's | 16 yrs " " | |
| 16. Notkong's baby | 5 mo. " | |
| 17. Inez. Burgess | } 4 and 5 months " | |
| 18. Eva " | | |
| 19. Matilda Spier | | |

Copy

Beaver Falls, Pa. Dec 24 '17

The Rev. J. L. Howe,
Hydaburg, Alaska

Dear Friend: I enclose another \$10 to your Hospital Fund which was given to me yesterday by one of the ~~old~~ ladies. They are interested in your work and want to help.

This same lady who is very intelligent and cultured as well as spiritually minded suggests that this hospital be called the Edwin Howe memorial Hospital. I can think of nothing more beautiful and appropriate.

I believe that if you will furnish me with some good pictures from which I can have slides made and some data about your work and needs, that I can get a good substantial ~~sum~~ ^{sum} ~~for~~ ⁱⁿ this and other churches in the Pittsburg district, for the hospital above mentioned.

Let me know about how much money is ~~needed~~ it will require to start such a hospital and we will think the thing over and see what can be done.

Things are going very well in our church. We are sending Percy Dodds, a son of Dr. Dodds to India as our missionary this year. The congregation is also giving me an assistant to help in S. S. and other detail work. There was ~~not~~ ^{not} to do here and I feel the burden of it but of course cannot do everything that ought to be done in a short time.

(Closing) Sincerely,
M. J. Smith.
P.S. I would suggest about 100 to 60 pictures for the work mentioned above.

April 16, 1917.

Mr. Foster Copeland,
City National Bank,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Copeland,

Your generous check for \$250.00 from the Broad Street Presbyterian Church for work in Alaska, has just reached me through Mr. Fugh. I am turning it in to the Alaska Fund, and I wish to express to you my very warmest thanks for your agency in this matter.

I certainly enjoyed the service at the Broad Street Church with its splendid congregation. I shall have in the course of six weeks or two months a proposition to put up to the Broad St. Church and to others of the strong churches of Ohio, looking towards the definite pledged support of our Alaska missionaries. A number of the churches have expressed interest in this matter.

With very warm regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Ans. 6/21/17

THE ADAMS HOUSE

G. W. ADAMS, Prop.

Iditarod, Alaska, Apr 17, 1917

Dear Mother & Family, Have wanted to write
 you all winter. I have been so very
 busy. This has been a good winter
 for business but very cold. The
 town has changed much since you
 were here. only a few houses
 left. have been torn down
 & taken to new camp. The same
 frame buildings have been hauled
 to Flat. Flat is a very busy
 place. more men have come in over
 the trail this Spring than ever before.
 I guess work is hard to get in the
 coast. Several Dodge are operated
 here now. George Riley has 3. &
 Harold Donnelly expects to get in
 one this Spring. Peter has gone
 to Marshall is doing well. Mrs
 Kerven said to tell you she
 thinks of you often and will
 be glad to see you. She has 4
 children. They are going to come to

THE ADAMS HOUSE

G. W. ADAMS, Prop.

Iditarod, Alaska,....., 191.....

Marshal. he will be with the Hares
at that place -

I have never received a copy of your
book. I hope to get one at the spring
of navigation. I have written letters
to the ones who sent them address in
the outside of literature they send
tell them of the work here. I gave a
free book my work 5 dogs. As the
Tolstoi a funny sack of magazines
and the last Bible I have kept on.
There now has been a time that the
reading room has been appreciated like
it has this winter. we are not allowed
as many funds of mail this winter
the same end of year. the bulk of it
now. They have been very good at
Seward. As for the reading room
mail last week I sent a funny sack
of magazines to the Customs
and stored before I sent a lot to
the same place. As for the future I have

THE ADAMS HOUSE

G. W. ADAMS, Prop.

Iditarod, Alaska,....., 191.....

give it to every one that would have
it. I got only one copy of the Christian
Herald. I wish I had the Scientific American.
I got two McClure and Hearst. Two
Pittsburgh Courier, and Independent Weekly.
I have some Companion Saturday Evening
Post, Record of Christian Work. I want
a good magazine too. Every body
I spoke to and a man in Fairbanks
Pittsburg Co wants a copy of Christian
I would like a few Bibles, and a
few more copies of the Christian Herald.
There has not been a religious
service held here for several years
I wish the Baptist-baptized
children at - Flat - this - winter.

It was too cold to do much
prospecting at the Iditarod this
winter. They are all coming back
to work to make a great stake
and try it again next winter.
I have heard of a good many men
who have been here and are now in
the Iditarod.

April 23, 1917.

Rev. E. F. Hallenbeck, D.D.
First Presbyterian Church,
San Diego, California.

My dear Dr. Hallenbeck,

Dr. Dixon has handed me a copy of his letter to you of April 14th, in regard to motor-sled or practical mode of transportation in the arctic climate, with the request that I take the matter up with you directly, as I have the task of raising money for these specials and seeing that our missionaries are supplied.

First, in regard to what it is to be. I have seen the trial of many motor-sleds in Alaska, but have yet to see one that was not a failure, or at least a partial failure. Some would work well on smooth ground, but entirely fail when it came to the rough ice of Bearing Sea or Arctic Ocean, or to the rough shores along their borders. Much money has been spent on these experiments, and the experienced travelers in the Arctic have fallen back upon the faithful dog as the most practical way of getting around in that country. The reindeer are a partial success as a means of transportation in that region, and the missionaries and the Eskimosholders use them a good deal in drawing their sledges. There are several reindeer herds at Pt. Barrow in the vicinity, but I do not know whether they have been trained as draft animals. The mentality of a reindeer is about like that of a sheep, and it takes long and patient work to train him. Further, the reindeer is a cud-chewing animal, has an immense stomach, and it takes a very great deal of that dry arctic moss to furnish nutriment enough to keep him going in that severe climate. He has to spend the most of his time digging his food from the snow and chewing it. A trained reindeer team will go the first day sixty or seventy miles; the next perhaps thirty or forty, and the next day he will not go at

all, but will lie up and feed and recuperate for four or five days before he can resume his journey.

I have a son-in-law who had a mail route in this arctic region, and he experimented faithfully with the reindeer but soon discarded them for the dog-team. This brings me to the means of transportation that we have all had to fall back upon in the interior of northern Alaska - the dog! I cannot understand why Dr. Spence should be at a loss how to get to his people in the neighboring village twelve miles away, when there was such an abundance of the wolf-dogs, used to the climate and trained for traveling in that country. Twelve miles seems to me a very short distance. Dr. Marsh, when he was a missionary at Ft. Barrow, used to travel many hundreds of miles with his dogs at all times during the winter, visiting the tribes along the arctic coast and camping at night in snow igloos. I, myself, when in that country often made trips of twenty and thirty miles on foot when I could not get dogs, and of many hundreds of miles with my dog-team. Owing to the rough condition of the roads, I do not think that a Ford automobile would be practicable. Why can we not procure Dr. Spence a dog team and sled? I could get a good team for him at Nome with an up-to-date Nome sled, the best model in all the world, for \$300.00, and send it up to him this summer by the schooner that takes the lumber to build his new church.

Now could not your church provide this \$300.00, and let me through my friend at Nome attend to the purchasing of the team? If I hear favorably from you, I shall write to Dr. Spence telling him what I have done, and what my experience shows to be the best means of transportation in that country. It may be that they have good trained dogs at Ft. Barrow, but I know that the Eskimos there do not properly treat their dogs, and that their sleds are very unwieldy things. Dr. Spence is not as old a man as I am, or as I was during my last years of service up there, and I thought it no hardship at all to take a trip of 800 or 1000 miles across the country with my dogs.

Let me hear from you soon, and also on the point raised in Dr. Dixon's

letter about the church of San Diego making Dr. Spence its own missionary. We have good reports of the splendid work Dr. Spence is doing at Point Barrow, and are sending the material for the new church, and wish also to send him in addition all that he may need.

With warm recollections of the ^{*ford*} time I had in San Diego a year ago, and at your church, I am

Very cordially yours,

Special Representative for Alaska

Board of Home Missions.

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Representative for Alaska.

April 24, 1917.

Hon. P. P. Claxton,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Claxton,

I am moving very earnestly
in the direction of establishing a large independent
mission, hospital and training school, for those poor
Eskimos of southwestern Alaska.

The last time I saw you, you spoke of the
statistics which your Bureau has gathered disclosing
a large native population for whom nothing has been
done in the way of Christian civilization.

Will you kindly send to me such data as you
have about this population that I may put them in the
hands of some rich philanthropist who I am trying to
interest in this project? Of course the enterprise,
if it is launched, will be in constant consultation
with your Bureau, and you and our missionaries, if we
send them, will be mutually helpful.

Very sincerely yours,

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Representative for Alaska.

April 24, 1917.

Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge,

99 John Street, New York City.

My dear Mr. Dodge,

Remembering your helpful interest in Alaska last spring, I am writing to ask if you would accord me an interview on a very important Alaska proposition?

Four years ago I visited western Alaska and became immensely interested in the Eskimos of the southwest. There is a population of 7000 or 8000 of these interesting people for whom nothing is being done in the way of Christian civilization, except here and there a Government school. Many of them are the prey of the toughest crowd of white men that go to Alaska, namely, the employees of the salmon canneries.

I endeavored to get the Presbyterian Mission Board to take up this neglected field, but without success. A mission to be efficient there must be of a very practical kind, including a training school for boys and girls, a good hospital with physician and nurses, a mission boat, a farm, reindeer herds, etc., etc. Our General Missionary despairing of help from our Presbyterian Board has tried, but so far without success, to get other denominations to take this matter up. I am convinced that the only practical way is to establish this enterprise as an Independent Mission, managed directly and without being subject to the delays and changes of a denominational Board.

If you would like to talk with me about this subject, so near to my heart, I will gladly meet you wherever and whenever you may designate, and be able to answer all the questions you may wish to propound and give you the widest information

in my power. I am moving earnestly away from ecclesiasticism and in the direction of more practical and direct work for the people of Alaska in general; and right here is an opportunity for a great model mission which may be an object-lesson to the rest of Alaska and of the whole world.

Very sincerely yours,

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CLEVELAND H. DODGE
NEW YORK

99 JOHN STREET.

April 24, 1917.

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Please Return

Rev. S. Hall Young,

The Board of Home Missions,

156 Fifth Ave., City.

My dear Mr. Young:

I have read, with great interest, your good letter of April twenty-fourth and fully appreciate your desire to organize a work for the Eskimos in Alaska. I regret exceedingly, however, that just at present I am nearly swamped with important work growing out of the war needs of this country and foreign countries, and fear that I could not even think of your plans at the present moment. I devoutly trust and pray that this awful war will soon be over, and I should be glad then to consider with you your plans.

Yours sincerely,

C. H. Dodge

April 25, 1917.

Rev. George G. Bruce,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bruce,

I do not know whether this will catch you before you start for the General Assembly or not. I should have written before but have been quite ill for the last month and constantly on the lecture platform since the first of January.

I just wish to tell you of the great pleasure I have in the thought that you are still in Alaska, and in charge of our Central Church of Southeastern Alaska. You have only gone from one metropolis to another. I would prefer, however, as a place of residence Fairbanks to Juneau, having sampled both climates and both classes of people.

I am glad that you had a visit with Mr. Marple and his wife. Mr. Marple expected to reach Fairbanks before you came out, but it was just as well perhaps. I have not heard from him since he started over the trail from Cordova.

I am to be at the General Assembly during the whole of the session. Will be lecturing almost every day in our Home Mission tent, both lantern and map talks, and I anticipate very great pleasure in meeting you and Mrs. Bruce again. You will not need your big overcoats there. I have not heard who is the Commissioner from Alaska Presbytery yet.

My work looms up before me larger than ever in this office, and I shall probably have more responsibility and more office work next year than before. It seems that I will still have to finance the special work, and

am working up a plan to get all of Alaska missions and missionaries adopted by special churches in Ohio and other states.

You have not told me whether you received the copy of "The Klondike Clan" which I sent you before Christmas..

Hoping to see you at Dallas in three weeks, I am as ever,

Your friend,

April 25, 1917.

Rev. J. N. Coker,

Craig, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Coker,

I have been very neglectful of my correspondence with you. For three months from January 1st I was averaging more than a lecture a day, and for the last four weeks I have been ill and laid up in my bed a part of the time. In the meantime many changes in Alaska have occurred.

I see by the report of the Home Mission Committee of the Alaska Presbytery, that they have left you out and discontinued the mission at Craig as a separate mission.

I do not wish to make any criticism on the part of the Presbytery and of Dr. Condit who shaped it, but I wish to express to you my strong sympathy and my hope that you will find a field where you can do even more good than you have done at Craig. I believe that you have done good work there. We have been following up Dr. Condit's recommendations for work for you in Texas, or other parts of the south. I expect to be in Dallas for the General Assembly in May. I presume that you will not come out until later in the season.

Kindly let me know what your future movements will be, as I would like to keep in touch with you.

With very warm regards to your wife and yourself, I am as ever,

Your friend,

April 25, 1917.

Mr. Oren W. Hawkins,
81 West Tenth Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hawkins,

Your letter of April 11th reached me when I was confined to my bed with illness, and I have but lately returned to the office.

Please let me know what success you have had in your application for educational work in Alaska. By the last Juneau papers that I have received, I see they are still struggling over the question of starting the Alaska University. With the probability that owing to war times, and the necessity of over taxation, the beginning of the University will have to be deferred another year. Senator Sutherland will keep you informed of the progress, however.

Please let me hear from you again as to your success. Hoping to greet you some time in Alaska, I am

Very sincerely yours,

April 27, 1917.

Rev. Henry S. Coffin, D.D.

129 East 71st Street, New York.

My dear Doctor Coffin,

The memorandum containing suggestions for the elevation of Alaska into a Department, and at the contemplated reorganization of the Board, the making of myself an assistant Secretary for Alaska, with added responsibilities and opportunities for service, has been forwarded to you by Dr. Dixon.

I would very much like to discuss this important matter with you personally before the next meeting of the Board. Will you kindly appoint me a time and place when you could see me?

Very cordially yours,

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J.O.W.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON

April 28, 1917.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D. D.,
Board of Home Missions of
the Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Doctor Young:

In reply to your letter of April 24, I beg to state that the Bureau of Education has no statistics regarding the Eskimo population in the Yukon-Kuskokwim region which may be regarded as absolutely accurate.

The report of the Governor of Alaska for the year 1915, a copy of which is sent to you under separate cover today, contains on pages 31, 32, and 33, a statement of conditions in that region which will, I believe serve your purpose.

You will be gratified to hear that the increased Congressional appropriation for medical relief of the natives of Alaska has enabled the Bureau of Education to decide to establish a hospital at Akiak, on the Kuskokwim. I hope that this hospital can be erected and placed in operation during the coming summer.

Wishing you success in your efforts to interest philanthropists in the natives of southwestern Alaska, I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. O. W.
Commissioner.

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MADISON AVENUE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
41 EAST 73RD STREET

New York, April 28, 1917.

My dear Dr. Young;

I am quite certain that our Committee will not take up such topics as you suggest until the whole question of the Secretaryship is settled. Let us first get the head of the enterprise and then give him some freedom in arranging his executive form.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry L. Jones", written over the typed name "Henry L. Jones". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

April 30, 1917.

Hon. P. P. Claxton,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Claxton,

Yours of April 29th is at hand, and I thank you very much for your prompt and satisfactory reply to my questions concerning the Eskimo population and the Yukon-Kuskokwim region. The Governor's report has also arrived.

I am very much gratified indeed to find that you have got the increased Congressional appropriation, and that the hospital is to be established at Akiak. This perhaps would answer all purposes for medical treatment of people. However, the Bristol Bay country is so far removed from the Kuskokwim, that a hospital in the region of Nushagak would also be very desirable.

I do not know how successful I will be in my effort to get the Independent Mission established, but intend to keep on trying.

Very sincerely yours,

May 1st, 1917.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit,

I am enclosing to you a letter from Cleveland Dodge, son of William H. Dodge. Mr. Dodge is worth about seventy million dollars, and is very liberal, or thinks he is. He used to be a member of the Board, but resigned from the Board and from Presbyterian Eldership of the little but very rich Riverdale Church, N.Y. because he was incensed at the action of the New York Presbytery in holding up the ordination of his boy who was from Union Seminary, and whom the old conservatives of the Presbytery considered unorthodox. Since that time Cleveland Dodge has refused to give anything to denominational work while he gives liberally to union churches and interdenominational enterprises. A year ago I got \$500. from him for new work in Alaska, which he gave on condition that it should not go through the channels of the Board, therefore I deposited it directly and applied it to the new work in Alaska. Of course it amounted to the same thing, but satisfied his prejudices against the Board. I have spoken twice in the Riverdale Church which he attends, and he is much interested in Alaska. Lately I wrote him a letter setting forth the condition and needs of the Eskimos of southwestern Alaska, and telling him of the inability of the Mission Board to take up that neglected field. I suggested that he establish there an Independent Mission, managed directly in whatever way he should wish, but providing a training school, hospital, mission boat, farm, etc. I knew that if he would enter into it at all, he would support it on a grand scale.

I have just lately received the enclosed letter, and send it on to you as one more of the disappointments that are meeting us in our effort to finance

Alaska. I believe, however, that Mr. Dodge means what he says - that when the war is over he will consider our Alaska plans.

I intend to try to get the money for this mission work from other sources. I have an increasing number of rich men who are ready to listen to me and help our Alaska work. Of course most of them will contribute through the Board. Everybody now, however, is sacrificing for the army, and devoting the bulk of their benevolences to the purposes of the war. It is going to be a very hard year indeed for home mission advance.

I hope to have a batch of names to send you soon of eligibles for the Alaska work. We have met with so many disappointments this spring, that it seems very hard to get hold of good men for Alaska. Other western fields are complaining of the same difficulty.

Your material for the Assembly Herald is being put in print, and with the pictures will tell a graphic story.

I am to start to the General Assembly about the 14th instant and am to lecture every day with stereopticon and map in our Home Mission tent. I anticipate a great deal of pleasure in meeting George Bruce and his wife there, and hope they will come east and make Lassie and me a good visit. I expect to move down to Fair Haven again to the cottage which we occupied last summer.

Am beginning work on my new book "The Anvil of the North," but my recent illness has robbed me of my strength to such an extent that I feel incapacitated for any strenuous work. I am recovering, however, and hope to be myself again before long.

The matter of the reorganization of the Board will be decided at its meeting on May 10th, and as I think I told you before, Dr. Dixon has resigned and does not expect to continue in his office. It is just possible, however, that arrangements may be made which will satisfy him to remain. I shall feel very lost indeed without him, my dearest friend in New York. Alaska will probably be elevated into

May 5, 1917.

Rev. J. L. Hughes,

Matanuska, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Hughes,

Your letter of April 12th is here, and I hasten to reply. I cannot give you a conclusive letter just now, but only a tentative one, with more to follow before long. I shall communicate at once with the International Y.M.C.A. and with Mr. Moore, secretary, in regard to the Kodak prints. I am getting slides made of your manse at Matanuska, and also of McBride's church, but I need several more slides of your region for use at the General Assembly, and hope that Mr. Moore will be able to supply the want.

Give my regards to Mr. Kenyon, whose visit I remember with delight.

I shall move on the organ business as soon as possible. Just now we are all waiting until after the meeting of the Board May 10th, which will decide on the plan for the reorganization of the Board, and will fix my status and that of the other Departments here. It will be impossible to move in the matter of specials until after these great questions are fixed. I shall keep the request for a small organ on file and send it as soon as possible. I do not see how Mr. Howard can claim the Bilhorn organ which I sent him from Chicago as his personal property. The money for it was given to me especially by people in Chicago for our Presbyterian Mission at Knik, and not for Mr. Howard personally. However, I have no doubt that I can readily get you another one.

I am very sorry indeed to hear that you have had to wait another year before completing your life with a good helpmeet, and hope that you will not have to defer your domestic happiness longer than next spring. Every man in that Alaska work needs the assistance and companionship of a good wife. Just as soon as I can speak definitely I will write you again.

My daughter and her children and I are living together in South Orange just now, but expect to move back to our summer boathouse at Fair Haven the first of June, and remain there until the first of October. I wish you could come and have a few more pleasant days with us canoeing on the Bay.

With warm regards, I am

Always your friend,

May 9, 1917.

Mrs. John L. Howe,

Hydaburg, Alaska.

My dear Mrs. Howe,

Yours of April 16th has been by me a few days, and I have submitted it to Dr. Dixon, and taken to some of the items with him.

I can only write tentatively now as matters in the Board are in a somewhat transition state, and I have been unable to communicate with Mr. Allaben since the receipt of your letter.

The matter of the hospital will have to wait until we can communicate with Mr. Allaben and the Woman's Board, and also with others concerned in the enterprise. I myself do not know just what my work will be for the Board during the coming year, and how much responsibility I shall have concerning the money to be raised for Alaska "specials." These matters cannot all be settled until after the meeting of the General Assembly.

I believe, personally, that the removal of the hospital from Haines to Hydaburg would be a good move. The hospital recently established by the Government at Juneau will fill the needs of the northern archipelago in that line, while your region is entirely isolated and needs medical and surgical appliances of its own. But nothing can be done in that line by the Board, as the hospital is entirely under the Woman's Board. If they do not make the transfer from Haines to Hydaburg, it is possible that I may obtain the sanction of the Board to go ahead and establish a small hospital at Hydaburg, financing it by special appeals.

I am sorry I do not have a picture of your new Hydaburg church as far as completed, and a good picture of your new manse. I have an imperfect one of the latter, but we need a number of taking views from that region. If you

will see to this matter I shall gladly undertake to pay for the views.

The letter from Mr. Smith is certainly encouraging, also the money you have already received from that source. I shall write you again when I return from the General Assembly which meets next week. I am to deliver a number of lectures there, four of them with colored slides.

You have made out a very strong case for the hospital and for the advancement of our mission work at Hydaburg. I wish we had more missionaries as thoroughly in earnest and as practical as well as consecrated as yourself and your husband.

I sympathize with your problems, and am sorry indeed that the school authorities have taken the stand they have about the dances. We cannot take this matter up at present with the school authorities without causing unpleasant and detrimental controversy.

With very warm regards to Mr. Howe and yourself, and hoping to hear further from you soon, I am as always,

Your friend,

May 9, 1917.

Rev. Alexander Henry, D.D.
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Dr. Henry,

I have recently sent a new man, Rev. Wallace Sutton Marple, formerly of Hamonton, N.J. to our Mission at Fairbanks, Alaska. He has written me a letter making several inquiries; first, whether there is available from the Board left-over Sunday School material which can be procured at a small price.

You know the interior of Alaska is inaccessible in the winter time for regular third and fourth class matter, and therefore we have to get in our supplies as early as we can and are generally a year behind in the lessons. The material for this year will be used for 1918 in the regular order. Mr. Marple is having to reopen a number of branch missions on the gold bearing creeks, and wishes to know how he can procure these regular supplies. Also whether sets of old hymn-books, both for Sunday School and for regular preaching services can be had, and what would be the cost. What would be the rates also for new hymn-books and could a small donation of these be made by the Board?

Your answer to these questions will be communicated, not only to Mr. Marple, but to other ministers in Alaska who are also anxious to have these questions answered.

Hoping for an early reply, I am

Very cordially yours,

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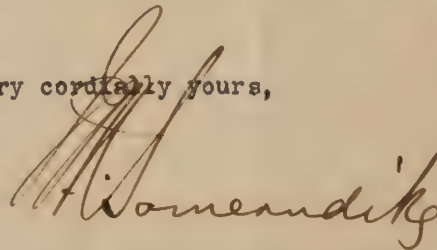
156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City, N.Y.

My dear Doctor Young:-

In reply to your letter of May 9th addressed to Dr. Henry I wish to say that we would be able to send a limited supply of quarterlies and other mission material for the past year, but we do not have very many of them on hand, and therefore we are not able to fill any very large orders. However, we are willing to supply them to the Alaska workers as far as they will go. I think the best plan would be for you to send in your orders and we shall fill them so far as our stock permits. With reference to obtaining hymnals, I would say that we will be glad to make a grant of one half the cost of new copies of any of our hymnals. We can send some second hand copies of the 1895 edition of the Church Hymnal, free of charge, if you would provide for the payment of the transportation charges.

Very cordially yours,



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May 12, 1917.

Honorable Franklin Lane,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I write to urge the reappointment of Major J. F. A. Strong, as Governor of Alaska. I have known Governor Strong intimately since the summer of 1897, when in the rush to the Klondike I went up in the same boat with him and his wife from Seattle to Skagway. I have lived in the same towns with him, and been in close touch with him ever since. I did what I could to get him his appointment four years ago, and have followed his career as Governor with interest.

I have known all the Governor's of Alaska, and consider Governor Strong by far the strongest, fairest, and ablest Governor that has filled the chair in Alaska. He is a man of unimpeachable integrity, wide and liberal spirit, and has a grasp of the affairs of Alaska such as very few men possess.

I know those who have lately attacked him and are trying to prevent his reappointment, and know them to be a narrow and blindly partisan political cabal who do not represent the great majority of the Democratic party or of the people of Alaska. The only point of attack they have was ~~that he~~ ^{that he} did his duty as president of the Board of Canvassers, and carried out the will of the voters of Alaska clearly expressed.

It is thirty nine years since I went to Alaska, and I have lived most of my life there, and am intimately acquainted with its

conditions and people. I am strongly of the opinion that the best interests of the territory demand the reappointment of Governor Strong.

Very sincerely yours,

In charge of the Alaska Office

of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions.

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2330 North Halsted Street

Chicago

May 18 - 17

Dr. S. Hall Young,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Young:-

I want to beg
your pardon for my slowness
in reply to your letter concerning
Alaska. I have been called home
on account of my sister's death,
Sister was teaching at Darland
Institute under the Home Board)
and had neglected all my
correspondence under the shock.

I was disappointed in not
hearing from the Board sooner
as I have already accepted a
call in a Country Church at Warren, Al.
And, too, I am a single man
and you think not advisable for
single man to go to Alaska.

I trust my delayed reply has not
seriously inconvenienced you.
Will you kindly hold me in mind for work
in Alaska for I have my heart
set on such work.

Very much yours

Chester M. Davis

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JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

May 23, 1917

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,

156 5th Avenue, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Young:

Your letter of the 1st inst. is at hand.

I am herewith returning the letter of Mr. Dodge which you enclosed.

If some one of independent means can be found to found and support a work in Bristol Bay it would be a good thing. However, it should be now taken into consideration that the Bureau of Education is establishing a hospital, with adequate force, at Dillingham (presumably). This will be under the care of Dr. French who has served as Government physician in this region for many years and is a good man. Dr. French is anxious that the Presbyterians should found a home at the same point with the hospital for orphans and others, especially half breeds, many of whom could pay a part of their support. It seems that it is no longer necessary to consider the hospital part of the proposition but the home would be a veritable haven of refuge to that desolate and deserted country.

I am anxiously waiting for information as to the reorganization of the Board and the plans for this summer. I have about given up the plan of going to the interior this summer because of the war conditions. But it will be too bad if a man cannot be placed in Nenana, and the Ruby field supplied. I have no information as to the Board's plans as to these fields.

The fact of your illness had not been announced to me. I trust that you are by this time in accustomed health and strength and that the new book will be forthcoming on schedule time.

In looking over the Presbyterian records I notice that your last year's assessment, of Eleven Dollars, has not been paid. You have probably overlooked it.

Cordially your friend,

*James H. Condit**P.S. Following.*

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A most determined effort is being ^{made} to defeat Governor Strong here in Alaska by the party machine of the democrats. After Jemmings, Troy and a number of others had been announced as candidates, their names have been withdrawn and the Chairman of the Democratic Committee, Donahoe, has nominated Riggs of the R.R. Commission. Riggs is an ardent Catholic as is also Donahoe. It is of the utmost importance to prohibition and protestant missions as well, together with all clean politics and decent law enforcement that Governor Strong be reappointed. Any influence which can be exerted by the Board should be thrown in this direction promptly. The thought is, apparently, that Riggs, with influence in Washington, will be able to defeat Strong. It has probably been discovered that no other suggested candidate has any chance against the Governor. Can you do anything or secure assistance of the Board or its Secretaries along this line. I have written once to Dr. Dixon who wrote that he had turned over the matter to Dr. Thompson who had written the President. I have written the president and Secretary Lane and last night telegraphed Lane. Governor Strong's reappointment is of great importance to our work and especially in view of coming prohibition. The enforcement of the law will be largely in the Governor's hands.

J.H.C.

June 4, 1917.

Rev. James M. Condit, D.D.,

Unalakleet, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit,

I am forwarding to you a letter which came to the office during my absence at Dallas, Texas, and was forwarded to me there. I took it up with Mr. Bruce and told him what I would send the letter on to you. I have answered it referring Mr. Osborn to you and Mr. Bruce.

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Very cordially yours,

June 6, 1917.

Mr. Samuel L. Childs,

Bernardsville, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Childs,

Another bill has come from the
Presbytery of Alaska, of \$85.00 for repairs on the "Lois."

As I am mindful of your engagement to keep up these
repairs, I pass it on to you. If you will make out a check
in my name, I shall endorse it and send it on.

I had the pleasure of a number of visits with Mr.
Waggoner during my stay at the General Assembly at Dallas,
Texas, and he wished to be remembered to you and your family
very warmly.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Childs, and
our dear Lois, I am

Very sincerely yours,

June 6, 1917.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit,

Yours of May 23d is here. I am doing all I can for Strong, and am now taking up with Dr. Halsey the plan of getting another letter to President Wilson direct to secure Strong's reappointment. By this same channel I got a letter to President Wilson four years ago, which both Governor Strong and Delegate Wickersham thought had great influence in securing Major Strong's appointment. I think I told you that I had written Secretary Lane on Strong's behalf, and also Dr. Thompson took up the matter, I think, directly with the President.

I am just waiting to hear from the Governor, as I have not heard whether he secured permission to come east. I may go down to Washington while he is there and spend several days in the interests of his reappointment and of the cause of prohibition in Alaska.

I am awaiting another interview with Dr. Dixon before writing you on the Nanana and Ruby matters. Another letter will probably be in this same mail.

I am enclosing in this the \$11.00 due on last year's assessment. I thought I had paid that. Am sorry it was overlooked.

I had a very great and most enjoyable time at the meeting of the Assembly. I found an extra fine and reasonable lodging house by accident, and secured a room next to mine for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce. So we were in close fellowship during the Assembly; also had frequent talks with Waggoner.

Very cordially yours,

June 6, 1917.

Prof. Marshall C. Allaben,
Care Sheldon Jackson Institute,
Sitka, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Allaben,

After you had left for the west, I got a very interesting letter from Mrs. Howe of Hydaburg, and at the end of it she said, that Dr. Smith had written to you urging that our hospital be removed from Haines to Hydaburg. Previously, she had been urging that our Board do something towards giving the people in that region hospital facilities.

At the General Assembly I saw Mr. Waggoner, and he urged that the hospital be removed to Klawoab, which would in his estimation be a preferable site to that at Hydaburg - more central, a better harbor, better water system, etc., etc.

Of course this matter is not up to our Board, but up to you. However, I just wish to add my judgment, that the removal to one of the two places in the southern part of the archipelago would be a wise step if it can be financed by the Woman's Board. The situation at Hydaburg is pitiable, and the people of that region are very far along in Christian civilization as compared with the more northern tribes of the archipelago. I am inclined to think that Mr. Waggoner's judgment is correct in choosing Klawock rather than Hydaburg. Klawock would be accessible to all the Hydapeople. If the hospital is not removed to the southern part of the archipelago, it is clear that I shall have to take some special steps to give medical aid to the Hydaburg people.

I wonder if you could not exert some influence while in Alaska, to put a stop to the dances held under the auspices of the Government S school at Hydaburg.

The Howe's report a bad state consequent upon these dances. I hope in making any representations about this matter, that you will protect the Howe's as much as possible, for they do not wish to get into difficulty with the Government teachers. Please let me hear from you soon in this matter.

With kind remembrances to my Alaska friends, and hearty wishes for an enjoyable trip for yourself, I am

As ever your friend,

June 8, 1917.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit,

Dr. Dixon and I have had a conference on Alaska affairs, and he will write you the results, but requests me also to supplement his letter with figures and facts to make you fully understand the present situation.

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June 8, 1917.

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Juneau, Alaska.

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With warm regards, I am

As ever yours,

June 9, 1917.

Mr. Samuel S. Childs,

Bernardsville, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Childs,

Yours of June 7th enclosing check of \$85.00 for repairs on the "Lois" is just at hand. I am herewith enclosing a temporary receipt, and you will receive the Board's receipt later.

Many thanks for your prompt response to this call, and for your constant generous gifts.

Very sincerely,

June 9, 1917.

Rev. Robert H. Carson, D.D.
744 Putnam Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Dr. Carson,

Yours of the 7th instant is
at hand. I shall be on hand at Grace Church Wednes-
day evening, June 13th.

I thought you understood that I do not have
a stereopticon of my own. It always has to be furnish-
ed by the church at which I speak. I shall bring my
slides, but expect the church to furnish lantern, screen,
and operator. I am sending also a package of leaflets for
advertising purposes.

Please tell me how to find your church coming
from New York.

Very cordially,

June 11, 1917.

Rev. A. W. Halsey, D.D.
Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Dr. Halsey,

I am enclosing the letter to
President Wilson of which I spoke to you. I shall be
very thankful if you see that it gets to him direct.

Governor Strong is, I think, now in Washington,
and I hope to hear from him in a few days.

Thanking you for your help in this matter, I
am,

Yours very cordially,

June 20, 1917.

Mr. J. W. Hollenback,
Hollenback Coal Exchange Building,
Wilkesbarre, Penna.

My dear Mr. Hollenback,

I have not forgotten to be grateful for your splendid help of more than a year ago, when you started my new fund for Alaska.

That \$10,000. fund has established three new missions and supported them, has built churches, procured boats, dog-teams, etc. for the missionaries, and firmly established the church in important places in Alaska, especially along the line of the new Government Railroad.

Just now, the necessity is upon me to again raise a fund for more new work at Nenana and Ruby in the interior of Alaska. Nenana is the interior terminus of the great Government Railroad for which thirty five million is appropriated, and which is being built to the interior. The town of Anchorage, on the coast, was named from my former fund, and we have built a church, and it is rapidly going to self-support. Nenana the interior terminus will be very much the same kind of a proposition, and I have inserted in our leading papers calls for men for these places. I will have to raise another fund of \$7000. to establish work in these new places.

To you, as having inaugurated the other successful campaign, I write first of all, asking if you will not give another \$1000. or a less sum, if you do not feel able to give so much for this new work?

Mr. Hollenbach-2.

Board is advancing the money in faith that I will be able to raise the fund, and therefore I would ask, if convenient, that the gift be made outright. I shall keep at the churches until I get the whole amount needed, but we have use for the money as fast as it can come.

Please let me have your answer, soon,

Cordially your friend,

June 20, 1917.

Rev. Hugh T. Kerr, D.D.
Shadyside Presbyterian Church,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Doctor Kerr,

The railroad business in Alaska is continuing, and the new Government Railroad is being pushed to the interior. The \$10,000 fund which I raised by the help of you and your people, has supported McBride at Anchorage, and Hughes along the line of the railroad at Matanuska, has helped build churches, and has done a lot of other good work in Alaska.

The necessity is now upon me to raise another sum, not quite so large but aggregating at least \$7000. The town of Nenana on the Tanana, is the interior terminus of the railroad, and work has already begun from that end. Nenana is booming, not only on account of the railroad, but because there are large coal mines adjacent to the new town, as well as valuable gold mines in the vicinity; also many homesteads are being taken by farmers along the Tanana Valley. Nenana is therefore very much the same sort of proposition as Anchorage was two years ago where we sent McBride. It is one of the most important opportunities Alaska has offered in years.

There is also a mission that we established four years ago at Ruby, which is now vacant, and needs reorganizing and manning. My new fund will have to set both of these missions on their feet and support the ministers for a year. I have inserted in "The Continent" and "The Banner" calls for three men, one of whom is to go to an already established Indian mission, and I am beginning to receive responses. I shall have to raise this new fund very much as I raised the other, getting the bulk of it from individuals and from special churches interested

So, of course, I come to Shadyside first, and I would like you to tell

Dr. Kerr-2.

me frankly what my prospect would be there for gifts for my new fund, and how to go about getting them. In your judgment would it be wise for me to write a letter to Dr. and Mrs. Edwards, and to others of your people who contributed so liberally to this cause? Please write me frankly of your opinion and wishes in this matter.

I am in line for the Commissionership to the General Assembly next spring, but Snowden has raised the point whether it would not be better policy for me to wait another year before going as Commissioner. Dr. Smith of Dallas, Texas, in whose church the Assembly met this year, was boomed at the Assembly for the Moderatorship next spring, and will doubtless go to Columbus as Commissioner, and will have the backing of the entire south and of many others who think it is time for a pastor to be Moderator, and also for the former Cumberland people to be recognized. What do you think?

I had somewhat of a break-down this spring from constant lecturing, and do not contemplate such a strenuous campaign for the coming year. Shall do more office work, more writing, and less speaking.

With warm regards to yourself and Mrs. Kerr, and to my friends in Shadyside, I am, as ever,

Cordially yours,

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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

HEADQUARTERS
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORKPRESBYTERY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

June 21, 1917

My dear Dr. Young:

Your letter of the 8th inst. is at hand. Dr. Dixon has not yet written me as you suggest he will soon but I hope to hear from him by early mail.

The information that the Special Fund is practically exhausted,

that there is no money for Nenana and no men for either that field or Ruby brings much disappointment. I am writing Dr. Dixon fully, today, regarding the entrance of the Sunday School Board into mission work in Alaska and the going of Dr. Forbes, of the First Church of Seattle, to Nenana. Thus the Home Board is not only denied the privilege of prestige in entering the Nenana field but also has no immediate assurance of taking up the work there this summer. In all probability this will make it impracticable for me to go to the interior this summer as by the time men and money are available it will be too late for me to make the trip. I had counted much on going to the interior early in the summer with two men for Nenana and Ruby and to establish them in their work and go on down the river to Nome, Anchorage, Matanuska, Seward, Cordova, etc. The inspirational value of such an itinerary would have been of decided benefit both to the fields and church at large. I am much disappointed.

There is a matter of gossip which I did not mention to Dr. Dixon in my letter to him of this date. While in Seattle recently I saw the correspondence, in Mr. Lopp's office, carried on between Dr. Matthews of the First Church of Seattle and Bo Sweeney in behalf of the appointment of Dr. Forbes, then his assistant pastor, as superintendent of instruction for the Western Division of the Bureau of Education. Dr. Matthews made repeated and persistent and almost frantic appeals

I very sincerely hope that a man for Kake may be found soon. He will not need, now, to hasten to the field, as the people are all away. They will be back about the first of October and the new man should be on the field by the first of September or soon after. This field is an important one. The government is planning to put a man and woman in charge of the government school and to do considerable improvement work in the village. This is a good opportunity for a man seeking an opportunity for constructive service.

Very sincerely yours,

James N. Condit

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for the appointment of Dr. Forbes, but to no avail. The thought of work in Alaska under the S.S. Board was evidently a second thought. It probably answered just as well as an opportunity for the First Church to secure another assistant pastor. Dr. Forbes' daughter is now here in Juneau and expects to stay if she can find employment as a musician which is profitable. Dr. Forbes told Mrs. Condit that he would probably make Juneau his headquarters. As I have said to Dr. Dixon there certainly is no need of a S.S. Missionary in S.E. Alaska, much less of a "Superintendent" of S.S. Missionary work. An active, itinerating, young man, of consecration, might find opportunity for service in the Susitna region, although Hughes is covering that field, or he might do good work in the interior, for example in the Adirondack, but there is no justification for a man of Dr. Forbes' age coming to Alaska to act as a superintendent of S.S. Work. I hope that our Board may be in the future, as in the past, allowed to continue as the pioneer evangelizing agent in Alaska.

Now as to the Special Fund. I note that you say that the \$10,000 was applied directly "as asked for by yourself and others on the field" I had no part in the distribution of this special fund either directly or indirectly. I have raised the question with Dr. Dixon as to the use of any part of this fund for the Anchorage salary or work inasmuch as that work was well instituted before the appeal was made for the Special fund. It seems to me that Anchorage should have been provided for from the regular fund.

As to the time and place of Yukon Presbytery meeting it has not yet been decided. If I do not go to the interior I will proceed at once to the westward and the meeting will be held while I am there, whether in Cordova or Anchorage I do not yet know. This will probably be some time in August. The assessment for the coming year will be fixed at the meeting.

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June 21, 1917.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit,

I have a request from Mrs. Luella S. Dunn, who is in charge of our Reading Room at Iditarod, for some Bibles. I left a number with her and she says they are all given out. She is keeping up the reading room, and those who were sending magazines to her are continuing their subscriptions. She says she still gets 1 Christian Herald, 2 McClures', 2 Hearsts, 2 Cosmopolitan, 1 Scribner, Independent Weekly, 1 Womens Home Companion, 1 Saturday Evening Post, 1 Record of Christian Work, 1 Everybodys, 2 World's Work, and 1 Century. She asks for another copy of the Christian Herald and for the Scientific American, which used to come to her but has been discontinued.

I do not know whether you are handling these periodicals and could have them sent to her or not. If you can see that she has a few small Bibles, I know she will do good with them.

Do you know whether Dr. Forbes will visit the interior of Alaska this summer, and whether he will get as far as Iditarod, Flat, and Marshall?

Dr. Andrew J. Montgomery of Portland, Oregon, was just in my office, and told me to tell you that he thinks he has a good man for Kake. His name is Eastman, and he has taught at the Chemawa School; is not ordained, but is an earnest Christian man. Dr. Montgomery will investigate him further as soon as he returns to Portland, and will communicate with you as soon as he is satisfied in his own mind as to the fitness of Mr. Eastman.

I hope you will find him the man for the place.

The Board meeting was held on Thursday last, but nobody at the office has yet learned whether Dr. Marquis has accepted the position of General Secretary. There was a tremendous rain-storm the day of the Board meeting and the attendance was slight. Dr. Coffin, who was Marquis' correspondent, was not there. So we are all in suspense.

Lassie and the children and I are enjoying our stay at our summer cottage by the sea.

With warm regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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J. W. HOLLENBACK,

Room Nos. 411-412

WILKES-BARRÉ, PA. June 22^d 1897

Rev. S. H. All Young

156 Fifth Ave New York

Dear Dr. Young

Yours of the 20th inst. received asking
for another thousand for Alaska work. I am
too much involved in other gifts & medulations to
make the contribution you ask for. Nor can I
undertake to look up others to do so. I enclose my
check for one share of twenty five dollars to
be devoted to said work.

Yours truly, J. W. Hollenback

June 26, 1917.

Mr J. W. Hollenback,
Hollenback Coal Exchange Building,
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

My dear Mr. Hollenback,

Yours of the 22nd instant enclosing check for \$25.00 for Alaska work, is at hand. Please accept my earnest thanks for your contribution. You will receive the receipt of the Treasurer in due time.

Of course I am disappointed in this failure of my attempt to launch the New Alaska Fund with a large gift, but appreciate the circumstances that hedge about you and other men of wealth with demands for Red Cross work, and for various benevolences poured upon you by the war. But I had hoped that the men of the Presbyterian Church would realize, that while the caring for the sick and distressed of the nations at war is a great work, the evangelization of the world is still greater one; and that while we owe to our country our property, our services and our lives, we owe to God and to His cause of bringing His sons and daughters to Him, our very souls!

The work of Home Missions, especially in the frontiers, whence the supplies of lumber, minerals, fish and farm products must be drawn for the use of our armies, and for the larger use of peace, seems to those of us who are laboring in the Home Mission field, as the largest of all enterprises, and the most needy and important. Unless we can evangelize these frontiers, planting the Gospel in every camp and town as they are developed, the reflex influence of those communities will be like the

Godless wave that surged back from the early communities of California and other parts of the west which were neglected by the Christian church.

Pardon me, I did not mean to preach a sermon, but my heart is full of longing to be able to cope with the emergency that has arisen in Alaska. The Presbyterian Church must accept the task of taking the Gospel to these new camps, or the Gospel will not be taken there. If you find later, or on fuller consideration, that you can give us more help for this new work, please do so. In the meantime, I thank you very warmly again for this service, and count you one of the oldest and most steadfast friends of our Alaska work.

Very sincerely,

JUN 28 1917



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The Association Follows the Flag on Land and Sea

Public Correspondence Table at *Fort Niagara*

June 26 1917

To Rev. J. H. H. H.

My dear Dr Young:-

I am off on War duty
and will not be back until
the fall. so I can't keep
much. Certainly I would
of done you until to your
former Pittsburgh contributors.
The appeal however is all
war-wards these days.
It might be the Church
comes off you some Sunday
while I am gone. I'll write
the Session as I am sorry
you are out so well. Take
a quiet rest, till the
spirit moves you to work



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Perhaps what you say about
Dr Smith, would be worth
careful consideration. Dr
Snowden is a good judge
of such matters. But there
will always be candidates
& the Assembly personnel
always is changing.

There more here is exacting
but most-interesting

Very sincerely
Hugh Storer

June 27, 1917.

Mr. M. S. Collingwood, Treasurer,
Presbyterian Board of Publication,
124 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Collingwood,

I have kept yours of June 19th enclosing bill to Dr. E. N. Bradshaw, Ruby, Alaska, dated April 9th, 1913, until I could look through the old files of my office, in hopes that I would find copies of my letters to Dr. Bradshaw and his letters to me about that date. But there was a change made in the rooms for my office, and the old files were put away with such care that I have not been able to find them. They are stored somewhere in this building, and I am hoping to succeed ultimately in getting them.

In the meantime I have only to say that these books and quarterlies, etc. were ordered by me on the authority of Dr. Bradshaw, who had just gone to Ruby. I supposed that they were paid for long ago. He left Ruby a year ago, and we are unable to tell his present post office address. It will be found doubtless in the Assembly Minutes when the volume of 1917 is issued. You may be able to collect it from him, but as he left a number of other bills which the Board of Home Missions has had to assume, I am afraid your chance of collecting the

bill is very slim. His neglect to pay the bill was certainly inexcusable, as he resented my insistence that he return to the Board the value of a dog-team which I procured for him, I am afraid that he would also resent any attempt I would make to collect your bill, or at least ignore it.

I am very sorry that this has occurred, but do not feel myself in the least to blame. I was simply acting as Dr. Bradshaw's agent, and supposed that he would live up to his obligations.

Very sincerely yours,

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June 30, 1917.

Rev. Hugh T. Kerr, D.D.
Army and Navy Y.M.C.A.,
Fort Niagara, New York.

My dear Doctor Kerr:

Yours of the 26th instant is at hand. The heading of your letter came as a surprise to me, but by no means a disagreeable one. Your service to your country in this crisis, is just what I would have expected of you. However, I understand that you have not given up your work in Shadyside, but are simply serving the Army Y.M.C.A. for a time - at least I hope so.

I shall take your advice and write to the Pittsburgh contributors, but shall defer this until certain matters about my itineraries, and about the way in which I am to appeal for the Alaska work are decided.

I shall be very glad to supply your church some Sunday during your absence, if you make the arrangement. I do not wish the church at large to get the idea that I am incapable of speaking upon any subject except Alaska. There are a few sermons left in my barrel, and a general lecture on the Board of Home Missions besides a number on Alaska that your people have not heard.

Now about my going as Commissioner to the Assembly next year. I have had a talk with Dr. Dixon, and he thinks I ought to go to Columbus. He says, which is doubtless true, that the personnel of each Assembly being entirely different, any boom or nomination started in one Assembly is apt not to carry over till the next - each Assembly feeling its own right to choose its own officers. He says that Dr. Smith's candidacy would be sectional while mine would demand the attention of the whole church.

The meeting of the Yukon Presbytery will probably take place in August or September, and when I am elected Commissioner, I shall then write to Snowden

and to yourself. With you two, I think my correspondence on that subject will cease. The thing will be to know how my candidacy for Moderatorship should be launched if at all.

Will you be in New York at any time during the summer? If so, I should be pleased to entertain you at our summer cottage on the sea, Fair Haven, New Jersey.

Very cordially yours,

